

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

We officially kicked off our SHS school year and celebrated our first Mass together this past Wednesday at 8:30am. I was happy to see many parents, grandparents, families, and friends join us at Mass. The students and teachers fulfill the ministries along with providing music, which makes for a special celebration. *Please join us!*

This past Wednesday, our Sacred Heart/St. Anthony PSR program began with a meeting with parents while students met with their teachers. Tom Purcell, our PSR co-ordinator, has been meeting with teachers to set up the schedule with classes, Masses, reconciliation, and sacramental preparation. The classes meet regularly at St. Anthony High School, on Wednesdays, at 6:30pm. If you have not registered your student, please complete a registration form and turn it in at the parish office.

Along with being pastor of Sacred Heart, I also serve as chaplain for St. Anthony High School and monitor the Sunday night youth group with Katalyn Miller, our youth leader. In both groups, it is my responsibility to oversee the spiritual and social activities being offered for our high school youth in the Effingham area. We invite and encourage our youth to join us at the 5:30pm Mass and then meet in the Sacred Heart lower level at 6:30pm for a special night of fellowship beginning on Sunday, Sept. 10. Parents who would like to work with our youth are encouraged to contact the parish office.

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



**RCIA** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults “RCIA” Inquiry is being held on Thursdays, from 7:00pm to 8:15pm, at St. Anthony High School, Room 109, on the second floor, starting Sept. 14. *If this time does not work for you, we just added a session at 11:00am on Thursdays, at St. Anthony’s Parish Center.* 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. 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.

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 Sept. 12, the topic is The Church (Part One) and presented by Fr. Chris Brey. He will talk about how God planned, founded and sanctifies the Church, five scripture images of the Church, the hierarchical structure of the Church, and Papal infallibility. No cost, but please register at the St. Anthony Parish office or call 347.7129. Everyone welcome.

**A Pilgrimage Bus Tour  
“Journey with a Saint” to the  
National Shrine of  
Saint Mother Theodore Guerin  
at St. Mary of the Woods,  
Terre Haute, IN,  
will be Thursday, Oct. 5.**



Sacred Heart and St. Anthony Parishes invite you to a full-day, guided tour at St. Mary of the Woods. Hear the story of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, our most recent U.S. saint, tour the campus, and visit the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. \$50.00 per person will cover the luxury bus, tour, and lunch at the O’Shaughnessy Dining Room. The bus leaves Sacred Heart Church at 9:00am, Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch at 12:15pm. The program and tour will be from 1:00pm to 3:30pm. You will also have the opportunity to visit their unique gift store on campus. Call Darlene at 347. 7177 to reserve your spot.

### Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

**Monday, August 28**

**7:15am:** Living & deceased members of the Harold & Martha McCullough family

**Tuesday, August 29**

**7:15am:** Effingham CD of A

**Wednesday, August 30**

**8:30am:** Brett Kensil

**Thursday, August 31**

**7:15am:** Hubert & Laura Apke

**Friday, September 1**

**7:15am:** Living & deceased members of the Earl Vonderheide family

**Saturday, September 2**

**4:00pm (Fr. Michal Rosa):** Mary Jane Hille

**Sunday, September 3**

**8:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa):** Pat Rezabeck

**10:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa):** Pete & Karlene Frese on their 55th wedding anniversary

**5:30pm (Fr. Michal Rosa):** For our parishioners

**7:00pm Spanish Mass (Fr. Paul Habing):** For all workers

### Sacred Heart Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:15am  
Wednesday: 8:30am

### 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. 28: 1 Thes 1:1-15, 8b-10;  
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, Aug. 29: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday, Aug. 30: 1 Thes 2:9-13;  
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, Aug. 31: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Friday, Sept. 1: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, Sept. 2: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday, Sept. 3: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2;  
Mt 16:21-27

**The Sacred Heart/St. Anthony Grades 1-8 PSR program is held on Wednesdays, at 6:30pm, at St. Anthony High School.** Tom Purcell, coordinator, has a complete schedule for the year. There is still time to attend. The registration form is online and at the parish office or call Tom at 821.7077.

**Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women is needing a vice-president.** Please call Joyce Quandt at 347.7220 to volunteer. The first meeting for the year will be Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 6:30pm, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. All ladies of the parish are invited.

**Mark your calendar . . .** The 89th Annual SDCCW Convention will be held 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.



### !!!Parking Lot Palozza!!!

Join the Effingham Area Catholic youth group at their first event on Sunday, Sept. 10, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, at Sacred Heart. Partake in the hotdog eating contest, parking lot games, tail-gating, food, fun, fellowship, and more! Youth group will meet weekly on Sunday nights from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Contact Katalyn Miller at kmiller@stanthony.com for more information!

## Parish Calendar Events

### Wednesday, August 30

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

### Thursday, August 31

7:00pm: RCIA Inquiry @ St. Anthony High School



### Join Sacred Heart Music Ministry!

Everyone has a place in Sacred Heart's Music Ministry! From seasoned professionals to those who have never before made music, we have opportunities for all skill levels. We have a number of music groups who rotate leading the music at our weekend Masses. Most of these groups lead once a month. All are ready to welcome singers who can carry a tune and are willing to participate in the group on a regular basis. Maybe you want to coordinate a new group of singers, don't be shy, we need your talents and creativity. Maybe your desire is to sing solo. We invite you to join our cantors who lead the psalms and serve as a song leader. Play an instrument? Practice up and accompany the congregation on a few selections or play a solo for our prayerful reflection.

**Feel comfortable in a larger group?** Men and women of all ages are invited and encouraged to join our Parish Choir, forming now to sing at many of our 125th Parish Anniversary and holiday Masses. We are especially in need of altos and baritones. The first rehearsal is Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 6:00pm, in the church.

**Retired and looking for a flexible ministry?** Try the Resurrection Choir who sings at the funerals of the parish. The first rehearsal is Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 8:30am, in the church.

Contact Sr. Rene, Director of Liturgy and Music, with questions or to learn how to join the Music Ministry here at Sacred Heart. Please email Sr. Rene at r.simonelic@sheff.org or call 347.7177, ext. 322.

### ~ 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, Leonard "Bud" Klein


## Pro-Life Information . . .

Please join in the memorial service at the Teutopolis KC Memorial to the Unborn in front of the Seminary Tower on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 8:30am. Pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at gravesites and memorial sites dedicated to honor aborted babies for the fifth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Prayer services at these sites will commemorate the more than 59 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973 and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Coffee and donuts will follow. *Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land.*

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 Brunns 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.

The Pro-Life Group is hosting a meeting on suicide prevention and education on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, at the Effingham Event Center. Join us to learn about the warning signs, reasons, prevention, and the Catholic Church position. *What can you do if you're concerned someone is at risk of self-harm?* Speakers will be Sarah Wood from Heartland Human Services and Deacon John Kay. Everyone is welcome! Any questions, contact Valerie at 868.9406.

Family Life Center Fundraising Banquet will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 7:00pm, at the Keller Convention Center in Effingham. Kristin Hawkins will be the featured speaker. For more information, or to make a reservation, call 342.5433.

 Bible Study will resume on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6:30pm, at St. Anthony High School, room 101. This will be a ten week study of the prophets. Call St. Anthony Parish office at 347.7129 to register. For more information, call Kate Weber at 821.3003.

The Effingham Knights of Columbus invites you to refresh, relax and renew by attending a White House Retreat on Sept. 14-17. This peaceful Jesuit Retreat facility is located high on the scenic bluffs of the Mississippi River just south of St Louis. For more information, please visit [www.whretreat.org](http://www.whretreat.org) or contact Bob Mette at 217. 821.1272.



Aquinas Institute of Theology is pleased to honor Father Ed Stanger (Holy Infant Parish, Ballwin) and Reverend Jeffrey Goeckner (St. Boniface Parish, Edwardsville) as the 24th and 25th recipients of its annual Great Preacher Award. The awards will be presented Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017, at The Cedars Banquet Hall in St. Louis, with a VIP pre-reception taking place at 5:30pm, followed by the presentation and dinner at 7:00pm.

Aquinas Institute, sponsored by the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), instituted the Great Preacher Award in 1995 to recognize those, who by their words and actions, have contributed in an outstanding way to the building of the Catholic community. Aquinas Institute considers the Great Preacher Award a powerful means of renewing the Church and promoting good preaching while sharing its Dominican charisma. The award is intended not only to sustain preachers of the Word but also to help Catholics become more attuned to hearing the Word.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the Oct. 19 award dinner, please contact Aquinas Institute of Theology at 314.256.8856 or [Henderson@ai.edu](mailto:Henderson@ai.edu).

**Cards can be sent to:** Fr. Jeff Goeckner, St. Boniface Church, P.O. Box 423, Edwardsville IL 62025.

Celebrate 50 or more years of marriage on Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, IL, with Bishop Paprocki. The celebration begins with a musical program at 1:45pm prior to the 2:00pm Mass. A reception will follow. For an online registration form, please go to [www.dio.org/familylife/annual-masses.html](http://www.dio.org/familylife/annual-masses.html). If you can not attend, but would like a certificate, please email [rstaab@dio.org](mailto:rstaab@dio.org).



### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Who is Jesus?** There is Gospel discussion today on who the Messiah is. Peter finally says: "Jesus, it is you; you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus responds "You are right. Now, don't tell!" Really? Keep it quiet? It was true then because Jesus was still on route to His destiny in Jerusalem. But today we are post-death-and-resurrection people. We not only know who Jesus is, but we can now tell others about Him.

- ◆ *Who do I say Jesus is?*
- ◆ *How is Jesus important for my life?*
- ◆ *Who will I tell? How will I do it?*

### DeColores Fall Weekends

**Men's Weekend will be October 12-15**

**Women's Weekend will be October 19-22**

For more information, please call Mary Sur at 342.2003.



## School News . . .

Our first full week of school is behind us, and we had much excitement in kicking off the year! Many of our students were able to view the eclipse at the start of the week, gathering on the school grounds with their special viewing glasses. The Sacred Heart School teachers did a fabulous job of making it an incredible learning experience! God's creations are simply marvelous, and as you can see in this photo, it was a jaw-dropping experience!



Our first all-school Mass was also held this week, with our SHS teachers leading the ministries and our students leading the music. It's so great to have all the children back with us, and we're looking forward to another fruitful year.



## School Calendar

### Monday, August 28

4:00pm: Baseball @ Altamont Lutheran

### Tuesday, August 29

4:00pm: Softball @ Stew-Stras/Windsor

### Wednesday, August 30

4:30pm: Baseball @ South Central

### Friday, September 1

Aluminum Can Recycle Day @ SHS front lawn

4:15pm: Baseball @ Newton St. Thomas

4:30pm: St. A/SH Softball @ Effingham Jr. High

## Protecting God's Children Workshop . . .

### St. Isidore Parish, Bishop

Tuesday, September 5 @ 6:30pm

Call 925.5788 to register.

### St. Francis Parish, Teutopolis

Wednesday, Sept. 20 @ 6:30pm

Monday, Oct. 23 @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, Nov. 14 @ 6:30pm

Call 857.6404 to register.

**Looking for mowers to assist with mowing the Sacred Heart Parish grounds.** Hours are flexible. Great opportunity for college students and retired individuals. Must know how to operate a riding mower. Contact the parish office at 347.7177 if interested.

## **Second Hand Rose Resale Shoppe will be hosting "Back to School" sales now through September 8.**

The store will be closed Saturday, Sept. 9, through Monday, Sept. 11 to prepare for the fall season. It will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 12, with fall and winter clothing, shoes, and accessories.



## **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](mailto: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!*

**My Coke Rewards Program . . .** A new program was launched at [www.coke.com](http://www.coke.com) in July of 2017. Please keep dropping off your caps as we will redeem them under the new program. If you would like to enter coke reward points for Sacred Heart School, please contact the parish office and we can help you get started. It is a beneficial fundraising program for the school as more points can be entered per day.

**"Sacred Heart School Uniform Resale Page" is on facebook!** This page was set up by a few SHS moms for Sacred Heart School parents who want to purchase/sell gently used uniform shirts and approved bottoms. It is a great opportunity to sell the SHS apparel that you have outgrown.

**Fall Tennis and Volleyball lessons for boys and girls who are 5 years and older is being offered.** It is great fun for both beginners and more advanced tennis players and beginner volleyball players. Practices are Monday and/or Wednesday, from 5:00-7:00pm, and Fridays, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, at Hendelmeyer tennis courts starting on Wednesday, Sept 6, and continuing for six weeks. Everything is divided by age and ability even within each hour for more fun and better instruction. Cost is \$30, and discounts are available.

If you have any questions, contact Alan Kowalke at [kowalkefamily4@gmail.com](mailto:kowalkefamily4@gmail.com) or 347.2692. *This is not a Sacred Heart School sanctioned event.*

**St. Mary's Church, Ste. Marie, is celebrating their 180th annual picnic on Sunday, Sept. 3, on the church grounds.** Chicken & pork loin dinners will be served from 11:00am to 5:00pm, in the air-conditioned parish center. Other attractions include a quilt raffle, crafts, country store, cake stand, white elephant bingo, basket stand, raffles, food stands and games for all. A *Band Called River* will play music from 8:30pm to 10:00pm.

**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.

**Catholic Charities Spaghetti Lunch, sponsored by Joe's Pizza and Pasta, will be Sunday, Sept. 17, from 10:30am to 2:30pm, at the Effingham Event Center.** Dine in, carry out, or drive through available. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Tickets are available at Catholic Charities, Joe's Pizza, and from our Sacred Heart representatives, Greg Koester or Judy Luchtefeld and also at the door. All proceeds benefit Catholic Charities. For more information, call 857.1458.

**Catholic Charities Fall Fun Run will be Saturday, September 30, beginning at 8:00am, at the Teutopolis Community Park.** To register or for more information, call 857.1458. Entry fees are:

- › 1 mile run/walk: \$10 (shirt if pre-registered)
- › 5K walk: \$20 (shirt if pre-registered)

**The Andrew Goczynski Big Heart Foundation third annual golf outing will be held on Friday, Sept. 22, at the Effingham Country Club, to support heart testing for local student athletics.** Golf reservations are \$125 per player or \$500 per team. It includes lunch, 18 holes of golf and a steak dinner. Register by Sept. 15. For additional information, please call 347.0423.

**Please save the date for the Newman Night to be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the EIU Campus in Charleston.** Watch for upcoming information.

**The Cross at the Crossroads summer concert will be 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. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets and come enjoy a beautiful evening praising Jesus. For more information, check out their facebook page "The Cross in Effingham."

**St. Anthony Moms' Ministry is changing!** Moms' Ministry has decided to switch to a weekly format to cover the weekly Gospel readings and meet the needs of the moms in the parish. **You are invited to our first meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 30, beginning at 7:30pm, to discuss our new format and meet other moms.** All meetings are held at St. Anthony High School beginning in the Chapel for the Rosary before moving to Room 7:7 for our discussion. Parking is available behind the school with entry at Door #3. *Please invite any moms you think would be interested.*

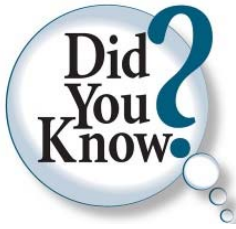
**Boy Scouts Troop 3, chartered by Effingham Elk's Lodge, will host a fundraiser at Culver's in Effingham, on Thursday, August 31, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.** Mark your calendar to enjoy a nice meal and help out the Boy Scouts. *Culver's will donate a "percent of sales" to the troop.*

**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.

**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.

**The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will be held Sept. 22-24. To register or for more information, call 314.649.7317 or to [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org).

**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.



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. This is a continuation of the original article written by Michal S. Rose. It was originally published by Envoy Communications, Inc., Steubenville, OH, Issue #3, 2001.

**The Ark Of Salvation:** Once through the narthex doors, we find ourselves in the main body of the church, called the *nave*, which is the Latin word for "ship". This is the place where the congregation sits and is so called because figuratively it represents the "ark of salvation." The nave is almost always divided up into two or four sections of seating with a central aisle leading to the sanctuary and altar. Additional side aisles in larger churches flank the nave.

Upon entering the nave (*which is a sacred place*), we are used to finding holy water fonts or *stoups*, as they are sometimes known. Here we bless ourselves with holy water, reminding ourselves of our baptism and our sins. Crossing ourselves with holy water upon entering a church is the long-standing way to cleanse ourselves as we set foot into God's house.

Another element of the church building immediately related to the nave is the *baptistry*, the place in the church that is suited especially for the rite of baptism. The earliest baptisteries were freestanding buildings separate from the church itself, but later baptisteries were built as separate rooms located directly off the nave. They are typically octagonal, alluding to Christ's resurrection on the "eighth day" (*Sunday comes after Saturday, the Sabbath or seventh day of the week*). Eight thus represents the opening of a new dawn for the Christian soul. Also common for some centuries now is placing the baptismal font in the nave of the church, instead of keeping it separate. The font itself then typically maintains the octagonal shape.

**The Pews:** Perhaps the most common elements of the nave are the *pews* and their kneelers. Most commonly pews are formed by a wooden bench with a back. Padded kneelers are another common feature.

The traditional arrangement of pews is unidirectional — that is, one behind the next, facing the sanctuary of the church. In some churches, pews are either moveable or "flexible seating" chairs can be used to accommodate space necessities in large congregations. Pews contribute to making the nave look like a church; they are a part of our Catholic patrimony and have commonly been used in the West since at least the thirteenth century, when they were designed as backless benches. By the late sixteenth century most Catholic churches being built included wooden pews with kneelers and high backs. But even before the time when pews were commonly used, the faithful still knelt during much of the Mass.

Kneeling, in fact, has always been a distinct posture for Catholic worship — first, in adoration of Christ, and second, as a posture of humility. Significantly, Catholic worship includes both adoration and the humbling of oneself before God. The pew is simply meant to accommodate this particular posture of worship. As such it has become a memorable part of our churches.

Sunday Collection Income	20-Aug-17	Budgeted
Offering ( 196 Env.)	\$8,246.00	\$10,570.00
Loose	\$2,122.00	\$1,610.00
Holy Days	\$974.00	\$0.00
Total	\$11,342.00	\$12,180.00

**The Financial Corner for 2017-18 will be reported in the bulletin on the third Sunday of the month.**

**Catholic Times has a remaining balance of \$2,103.50.** 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.

**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](http://corvette.stanthony.com).

**Tours of the Teutopolis Monastery Museum will be given on Sunday, Sept. 3, from 12:30pm to 4:00pm.** Admission fee is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. For more information, go the parish website: [www.stfrancischurch.com](http://www.stfrancischurch.com).

**Wheels To Prosper Car Giveaway will be held 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, there are available dates in September through November. Please contact Vicki Walker at 821.6179.

Thank you to Anna Mae Pike and Ron & Nila Pike family for their donation of flowers this week in memory of Adolph & Magdalen Willenborg and Ralph Pike.

**Sponsor of the Week**



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