

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

On the week of September 10-14, I along with Christy Hakman, Mrs. Wenthe, and Tom Purcell will be attending a conference on discipleship in Wichita, KS. We will be joined by members of other parishes in the diocese to hear many powerful speakers with concepts and strategies to enhance stewardship. The following week, Sept. 18-21, is the diocesan annual priest retreat where I will gather with fellow priests of our diocese. Please pray for me and our parish as we continue to serve God.

On this Monday (Labor Day), there will not be a 7:15am Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Effingham Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Labor Day Mass at the Effingham Event Center on Monday, Sept. 4, at 9:00am. After the Mass, there will be coffee, milk, juice, donuts, bagels, and cookies for all to enjoy.

Next weekend, we welcome Rev. Aldo Vendramin, C.S., from Missionaries of St. Charles - Scalabrinians, as our celebrant for all Masses. The Missionaries of St. Charles - Scalabrinians are a worldwide religious order of priests and brothers with the specific mission to assist in the spiritual and social needs of migrants and refugees. Their apostolate ranges from multiethnic parishes to centers for migration studies, from refugee camps to chaplaincy for seasonal workers, from radio and television programs to legal conferences. They serve in thirty nations around the world. The Scalabrinians seek your financial support to continue their ministry to migrants and refugees; to educate their seminarians; and to care for their aging and ill members.

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. The last inquiry session will be held on Sept. 7 and it will be about Christian Prayer.



!!!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!

Catholicism 101, a "Catholic Boot Camp", 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, Sept. 4 (Labor Day)
9:00am at Effingham Event Center (K of C)

Tuesday, Sept. 5
7:15am: Gary Schoenhoff

Wednesday, Sept. 6
8:30am: Dorothy Kade
6:30pm: PSR Family Mass

Thursday, Sept. 7
7:15am: Robert Wirth, Sr.

Friday, September 8
7:15am: Bernard Deters

Saturday, September 9
4:00pm (Fr. Vendramin, C.S.): Jack, Marilyn, & Jim Michaelree

Sunday, September 10
8:30am (Fr. Vendramin, C.S.): John Westfall
10:30am (Fr. Vendramin, C.S.): Jill Lewis
5:30pm (Fr. Vendramin, C.S.): For Our Parishioners
7:00pm Spanish Mass (Fr. Vendramin, C.S.): For all grandparents

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, Sept. 4: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday, Sept. 5: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday, Sept. 6: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday, Sept. 7: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Friday, Sept. 8: Mi 5:1-4a; Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23; 1:18-23
Saturday, Sept. 9: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday, Sept. 10: Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20

The Sacred Heart/St. Anthony PSR Family Mass will be Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 6:30pm, at Sacred Heart Church. As we kick off our PSR school year, we invite all students along with their families to Sacred Heart Church for Mass. PSR teachers, students, and parents will fulfill the ministries. Everyone is invited.

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.

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

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 or contact Bob Mette at 217. 821.1272.

Parish Calendar Events

Monday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day)

Parish Office is Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 5

8:30am: Resurrection Choir @ Sacred Heart Church
6:30pm: Sacred Heart CCW Meeting @ S. H. Parish Center

Wednesday, Sept. 6

6:30pm: PSR Family Mass @ Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, Sept. 7

6:00pm: Liturgy Committee @ S. H. Lower Level
7:00pm: RCIA Inquiry @ St. Anthony High School

Sunday, Sept. 10

6:30pm: Effingham Area Youth Group @ S.H. Lower Level



Join Sacred Heart Music Ministry!

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.*

Our Parish Choir is 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.*

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.

Sacred Heart Parish Sunday School for 3, 4, and 5 year old children will take place in the lower level during the 10:30am Mass beginning Sunday, September 17. Registration forms are available online at www.sheff.org and in the back of church. If you would like to help teach, please call Beth O'Brien Schmidt at 342.6584 or the parish office at 347.7177.

~ 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, Scott Schaefer



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 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.

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.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass and Rosary Walk - Join Bishop Paprocki in celebrating Mass at Holy Family Parish, Granite City, on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 9:00am. At 10:15am there will be a rosary walk and prayer vigil at the abortion facility. Lunch will be served after the walk at Holy Family Parish. Guest speaker is Jeannie Sockoch, Pregnancy Resource Center Volunteer. Join in collectively praying for the end to abortion.

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.

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 an entry form, please visit: corvette.stanthony.com.

Friday morning SonRise Group will be starting the fall sessions on Friday, Sept. 8, in the St. Anthony Parish Center. This year, they will be viewing a DVD series "Discipleship" by Fr. John Riccardo. They meet every Friday, at 6:00am, breakfast at 6:10am, program at 6:20am, and finish at 7:30am. We are inviting all men to join us and please bring a friend. Any questions, call Glen Pankonen at 663.7821.

Men's Prayer Group is held on Wednesdays, from 6:00am to 7:30am, at the St. Anthony Parish Center. Discussion is usually from an article from a magazine, book, or scripture. Any questions, call Bob at 821.1272.

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.

DeColores Fall Weekends

Men's Weekend will be October 12-15

Lay Leaders:

Ken Polarek @ 217.342.4218 and

Eric Thompson @ 217.821.7157

Spiritual Director: Fr. Michal Rosa

Women's Weekend will be October 19 - 22

Lay leader: Coleen Gephart @ 217.739.2321 or cocosn68@yahoo.com

Spiritual Director: Father Michal Rosa

Assistant Spiritual Director: Sister Jane Hotze

Say yes to a three day beautiful experience.

For more information, please call Mary Sur at 342.2003.

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. If you can not attend, but would like a certificate, please email rstaab@dio.org.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Obstacles. Peter, who last week was called the rock, the steady one, is called an obstacle, a stumbling stone today. Sometimes we let our timid nature, our fears, get the best of us, don't we? Doing the Lord's work, living the Christian life can bring on laughter and scorn. But that does not keep us from doing what must be done.

- ◆ *What am I called to do?*
- ◆ *What obstacle must I avoid to follow Jesus?*
- ◆ *Am I an obstacle for another? How can I stop being a stumbling stone, a block head?*



School News . . .

Sacred Heart School is looking for a cheerleading sponsor. Applications are available in the school office or email Mrs. Wenthe at v.wenthe@sheff.org. The girls cheer at the boys 7th and 8th grade basketball games. Their first game is Oct. 30, and most games start at 6:15pm.

5th Grade Religious Vocations Field Trip will be Thursday, Sept. 14. We will take a tour of the St. Louis Cathedral Basilica and then the young men visit the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for a tour and Mass. The young ladies will visit the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus for a tour and Mass. After a quick lunch, the students will go to a Cardinal baseball game. On the way home, we visit our Brother Knights in Highland to stretch our legs and have some hamburgers and hotdogs. The students spend time learning more about the process of becoming a priest or sister and about their everyday lives. For more information or any questions, please contact Greg Koester at 821.7731.



Please be aware that it's illegal to be using your cell phone in a school zone. The law states that "a person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone." *Thank you for obeying the law that keeps our students safe!*

School Calendar

Monday, Sept. 4

Labor Day ~ No School

Tuesday, Sept. 5

4:15pm: Baseball vs. Beecher City @ home

4:30pm: Softball vs. Brownstown @ home

7:00pm: School Board @ S.H. School Workroom

Wednesday, Sept. 6

Softball Regionals

6:30pm: PTA Meeting @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Thursday, Sept. 7

4:00pm: Baseball @ Dieterich

Friday, Sept. 8

4:00pm: Baseball vs. Sigel St. Michael @ home

Saturday, Sept. 9

Softball Regionals

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.

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 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!*

FROM THE VATICAN - In keeping with his mission, Pope Francis is introducing a new approach through a 2018 Bishops' Synod with the topic, "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment." The Church has decided to examine herself on how she can lead young people to recognize and accept the call to the fullness of life and love, and to ask young people to help her in identifying the most effective ways to announce the Good News today. In terms of hearing directly from young people, the Vatican has launched a survey for youth and young adults. The goal of this questionnaire – aimed at young people throughout the world from 16 to 29 years of age – is to provide young people with the opportunity to communicate, express, and recount who they are and what they want to say about themselves. Here is the link: <https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718>.

Newman Connection has an Outreach Program to help students with their transition into college life. Student cards are available in the back of church and the parish office for all high-school seniors to fill out. Completed cards can be dropped off at the parish office or mailed to Cassie Campton, Director of Outreach, Newman Connection, 902 West Main St., Teutopolis, IL 62467. For additional information, please call 866.815.2034, ext. 708, or send an email to: ccampton@newmanconnection.com.

Sacred Heart Church office is selling SCRIP cards on Wednesdays from 9:00am-4:30pm and on Fridays from 9:00am-1:00pm, and after the Masses on the first weekend of the month. Cards are also available at the Baseball Card Connection in downtown Effingham, during their regular business hours.

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.

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.

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, Sept. 30, beginning at 8:00am, at the Teutopolis Community Park. To register or for more information, call 857.1458. Entry fees by Sept. 15 are:

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

Entry fees are \$5.00 more after Sept. 15.

The Andrew Gobczynski 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.

Effingham Knights of Columbus News . . .

The Columbian Squires will host their 5th Annual "Blue" Mass on Sunday, Sept. 10, at the 5:30pm Mass, at Sacred Heart Church. A reception will follow at the Effingham Event Center. Please join us as we come together to show our appreciation for all Emergency Services Personnel and First Responders (*Police, Fire, Ambulance*) and to pray for their safety.

Effingham Knights of Columbus will be leading a Rosary for World Peace at the St. Anthony Memorial Hospital Chapel on Monday, Sept. 11, at 5:30pm. While Sept. 11 will always be remembered for the tragic loss of life, we come together to commemorate this tragedy with hope and prayer that religion will always be a cause for mutual respect and harmony, and never for violence or hatred. *All are welcome to attend.*

The Annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive (formerly MR/LD) and better known as the Tootsie Roll Drive) will be on Sept. 15 & 16. This event involves a number of volunteers either collecting donations or counting money so please say "yes" if any of the committee members call. Members are Greg Koester at 821.7731, Jason Semple at 821.0111, Charlie Tegeler at 663.4797, Matt Gillenwater at 821.5844, Nathan Westendorf at 690.1231 and Greg Bushue at 821.4740. This would be a great opportunity for the students to earn service hours. The two days are broken down into two hour shifts per site and after turning in the donations, stay and have a bowl of chili or a hot dog and visit with your fellow volunteers. If you only have an hour, we will find someone to help out with the other hour. We are also looking for members to join the committee so if you are interested, please contact a committee member.

Effingham Knights of Columbus Family Picnic will be held on Sept. 24. Bring the family out for an afternoon of fun. Games, face painting, bounce house, mule wagon rides, pedal tractor pull, food and drinks. Ask a prospective knight and his family to join us for this fun day.

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.



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 Confessional: Another important element placed in the nave is the *confessional*, which should be crafted in such a way that it fits in with the architecture of the building, but also so that it is an obvious sign of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. St. Charles Borromeo, writing in his seminal work, *Instruction on the Fabric of the Church*, recommends that confessionals be placed at the sides of the church in some open and clear space. St. Charles also suggests that the penitent be turned toward the altar and tabernacle — the focal points of the church — when confessing.

Exploring the Sanctuary: When talking about the *sanctuary*, it's helpful to remember that the Universal Church is hierarchical, that is, composed of different members — the head being Christ; with the pope, bishops, and priests each serving as *alter Christus* (other Christs); and the religious and the laity serving their own functions as part of the Church militant. That hierarchy is reflected in the liturgy. It only follows, then, that if the Church and the liturgy are both hierarchical, the church building ought to reflect that hierarchy. It is most obvious when one considers what makes the sanctuary distinct from the nave. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states that "the sanctuary should be marked off from the nave by a higher floor level and by a distinctive structure or décor." So we see that the sanctuary is meant to be a separate place in the church building. It is the place where the Scriptures are proclaimed, where the priest offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and often where Jesus is reserved in the Blessed Sacrament.

Why should the sanctuary floor be raised above that of the nave? Primarily for two reasons. The first is figurative. If the sanctuary is supposed to represent the head of Christ, it is only natural that the head be higher than the body. Second, the sanctuary is elevated so that the congregation can easily see the different parts of the liturgy that are effected from the sanctuary. They have a better view of the pulpit, the altar, and the priest celebrant's chair, from which he addresses the congregation.

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.

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

Sunday Collection Income	27-Aug-17	Budgeted
Offering (198 Env.)	\$9,146.00	\$10,570.00
Loose	\$1,682.00	\$1,610.00
Holy Days	\$5.00	\$0.00
Total	\$10,833.00	\$12,180.00

Catholic Times has a remaining balance of \$1,598.50. 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.



The 2017-2018 Annual Catholic Services Appeal "ACSA" weekend will begin on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16 & 17. The theme for this year's appeal is "*Go Therefore and Make Disciples.*" Christ calls us to consider

our gifts and to return a portion of them to Him through our parish and the larger Church, our diocese. Joining with the other parishes in our diocese, we can all work together to care for the Church by sharing God's gifts through the Annual Catholic Services Appeal.

Sacred Heart Parish's 2017-18 goal is \$50,130.

Effingham County Family FISH Appreciation Day will be held 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.

Fresh flowers will be displayed by the tabernacle in memory/honor of a family or special occasion. The schedule for 2017 is full; however, we will continue this in January, 2018. If you would like to donate flowers, contact Vicki Walker at 821.6179.

Thank you to Pete & Karlene Frese for their donation of flowers this week in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary. *Congratulations!*

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