

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

This weekend, we welcome Rev. Aldo Vendramin, C.S., from Missionaries of St. Charles - Scalabrinians, as our celebrant for all Masses. He shares with us the concerns and longings of the missionary activity that his religious order was entrusted in the Church: the care of migrant and refugee people. He is sent by the Catholic Mission Office with the purpose of reminding each baptized Catholic of our common responsibility to teach all nations about God's salvation plan in Christ Jesus. A collection will be taken up for needs of the Missionaries of St. Charles - Scalabrinians. Your generous donation will enable many missionary works to be accomplished in the world. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

This week, Fr. Michael Friedel will be celebrating the 7:15am Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday as I will be attending a conference on discipleship in Wichita, KS. At the 8:30am Mass on Wednesday, Fr. Chris Brey will be the celebrant. Please extend them a warm welcome.

A special thank you to everyone for the donations of \$6,008.70 for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Funds will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB. If you prefer to donate online, please visit www.cc.dio.org, to assist with the fund. Prayers are also needed for all those impacted.



!!!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!

To everyone at Sacred Heart, thank you so much for making my summer assignment such a wonderful, enjoyable, edifying, and encouraging experience! I can't count the number of blessings that I was privileged to receive in the time spent around the parish, in the office, at the school, and in your homes. I was constantly blown away by your generosity, charity, sanctity, and joy. I cherish the friendships that you gave me, the memories that were made, and the experiences which will help me in the years to come! Stay in touch, and in prayer! *(Especially, please, when I'm ordained a deacon on Sept. 28, 2017, and a priest on May 26, 2018!)*

All for Christ, and everything with Him!
Dominic Rankin

**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. Please, call Darlene at 347. 7177 to reserve your spot.



Wedding Banns

(I) Brena Buening & Dylan Kuhns



Rest in Peace

*We extend our sympathy to the
family & friends of*
Verena Kreke & John Cordes

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, Sept. 11

7:15am: Mel Zumbahlen

Tuesday, Sept. 12

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

Wednesday, Sept. 13

8:30am: Jack Ellis

Thursday, Sept. 14

7:15am: Wilbert Kinkelaar

Friday, Sept. 15

7:15am: Frank Wendt

Saturday, Sept. 16

4:00pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): Adele Rhodes

Sunday, September 17

8:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): John Lange

10:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): Floyd Cheatum

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

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

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. 11: Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday, Sept. 12: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday, Sept. 13: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday, Sept. 14: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11;
Jn 3:13-17
Friday, Sept. 15: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14;
Jn 19:25-27; Lk 2:33-35
Saturday, Sept. 16: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday, Sept. 17: Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9;
Mt 18:21-35

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.

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

Young Hearts Potluck will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at noon, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Meat is furnished, so bring your favorite side dish and join us.

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women

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.

Natural Family Planning Classes

St. Francis Church, Teutopolis

September 23, 2:30-4:00pm

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

Parish Calendar Events

Wednesday, Sept. 13

6:00pm: Parish Choir Practice @ Sacred Heart Church
6:30pm: PSR Class @ St. Anthony High School

Thursday, Sept. 14

11:00am: RCIA Class @ St. Anthony Parish Center
7:00pm: RCIA Class @ St. Anthony High School, Room 109

Sunday, Sept. 17

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



Join Sacred Heart Music Ministry!

Our Parish Choir is forming now with our first rehearsal on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 6:00pm, in the church. We are especially in need of altos and baritones. Contact Sr. Rene, Director of Liturgy and Music, with questions or for more information on the Music Ministry here at Sacred Heart. Please email her at r.simonelic@sheff.org or call 347.7177, ext. 322.

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 register at the St. Anthony Parish office or call 347.7129. Everyone welcome.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults "RCIA" is being held on Thursdays, from 7:00pm-8:15pm, at St. Anthony High School, Room 109, on the second floor, starting Sept. 14, and 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. Contact John Valenti, at 343.5208 for more information.

~ 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, Jim "Stump" Overbeck



Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women Fall Rummage Sale is coming up very soon. If you are hosting a garage sale during the city-wide garage sales Sept. 16-17, and would like to donate items to our garage sale, please drop them off at the maintenance building. We will have volunteers move the items inside. Watch the bulletin for more information.

HSHS Hospice Southern Illinois will be having a free Hospice Volunteer training on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 9:00am. Training will be held in the HSHS Home Care office at 701 W. Temple, Effingham. We are looking for compassionate, caring individuals who are willing to volunteer to bring companionship to hospice patients and their families. Please call Valerie at 217.246.4167 for questions or to register.

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>.

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.

Protecting God's Children Workshop . . .

St. Francis Parish, Teutopolis

Wednesday, Sept. 20 @ 6:30pm
Monday, Oct. 23 @ 6:30pm
Tuesday, Nov. 14 @ 6:30pm
Call 857.6404 to register.

**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.

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.

The pain and sorrow of a past abortion need not endure for a lifetime. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help you at 1-877-RACHEL-5.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held Sept. 22-24. To register or for more information, call 314.649.7317 or go to their website at www.stl-wwme.org.

You are invited to attend the upcoming DASK - Divorced and Separated Koinonia, on Oct. 6-8, at the Villa Maria Retreat Center, on Lake Springfield, Springfield, IL. The cost is \$110, but we will not allow money to prevent anyone from attending the weekend! The weekend is sponsored by the Springfield Diocese, but is open to anyone of any faith. Some people invite a divorced or separated friend to attend with them. Everyone who volunteers their time on the weekend, are currently or have been divorced or separated, so it is a very safe and understanding environment. Information on Villa Maria is available at <http://villa.dio.org/>. DASK facebook can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/daskkoinonia/>. For more information or to register, please contact Karen Marruffo, 217.496.2831. A brochure is available at www.dio.org/familylife/divorce-recovery.html.



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love does no evil. Wow! What a set of readings today. St. Matthew lays out the three steps for brothers and sisters in the Lord to reconcile: one-on-one first, very small group next, whole group if needed. Prophet Ezekiel is told by the Lord, you are responsible in some ways for your sisters and brothers. St. Paul reminds the Romans – and us – that love does no evil to the neighbor. So, in the community of believers, love drives our relationships. It shapes our thoughts, our words, our actions.

*With whom do I need to reconcile?
How can I love today, even if it means telling the truth?
How can I find strength in the community of believers?*

School News . . .

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.

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.

School Calendar

Monday, Sept. 11

4:30pm: Baseball @ North Clay

Tuesday, Sept. 12

4:30pm: Cross-country @ Teutopolis
Baseball & softball regionals (TBA)

Thursday, Sept. 14

5th grade Vocations trip to St. Louis

Friday, Sept. 15

11:50am: SHS dismissal

4:00pm: Baseball @ Altamont

4:00pm: Cross-country @ Olney

Saturday, Sept. 16

Baseball regionals and softball sectionals (TBA)

2:00pm: SHS Basketball Open Gym @ SHS gym

Sacred Heart School of the Diocese of Springfield admits students of any race, color, sex or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.



Congratulations to SHS 8th grade students, Nina Hakman and Ada Rozene, for placing 13th and 14th respectively at the IESA Girls Junior High Golf Sectional held this past week in Greenview, IL. Nina had a score of 111 and Ada shot a 113. The girls advance to the the state match on Saturday, Sept. 16, in Peoria, IL.
Good luck Shamrocks ~ we're very proud of you!

Pro-Life Information . . .

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.*



40 Day Prayer Campaign for Life will be from Sept. 27 to Nov. 5, 2017, in our local churches. Sacred Heart Church will be open on Thursday, Sept. 28, and Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, to pray and for Eucharistic Adoration. We are also asked to help at the Silk Purse in Effingham, on Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 1:00pm-5:00pm. Sign up sheets are in the back of church.

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.

Life Chain 2017 will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1. It will begin with a prayer service at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, Effingham, at 1:30pm. The actual life chain will form on Keller Drive and Fayette Ave. from 2:00pm-3:00pm. Signs will be furnished. Refreshments will be served immediately following. Donations of cookies would be greatly appreciated. We ask you to come and join other pro-life Christians to prayerfully and peacefully witness against the killing of preborn children. For additional information, please call or text Karla Slifer at 217.690.5282 or call the parish office 347.7177.

The rosary will be recited before all weekend Masses during the month of October. Please take this opportunity to be early for Mass and pray the rosary with the parish. If you would like to lead the rosary, please let Cindy Goddard know or call the parish office at 347.7177.

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.

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.

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, and Giveaways.

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.

Teutopolis American Legion Post 924 Annual Breakfast will be held on Sept. 17, from 7:00am to 11:00am, at the Teutopolis American Legion. Menu is sausage, eggs, pancakes, and drinks. All proceeds will benefit the veterans.

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.

Effingham Knights of Columbus News . . .
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. We need 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. 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.

The 2017 Bishops Hall of Fame will be held on Saturday, October 28, in Sherman, IL, and Daniel L. Koester of the Effingham Council will be inducted. Our Council has chartered a bus for the trip and any member is welcome to join us for the trip to honor Dan and our past Hall of Fame inductees. The proceeds after expenses are used to help the seminarians in our diocese. We are working out specific details on departure time. Banquet tickets are \$26 each and there is not an additional cost to ride the bus. Please contact F.S. Jim Miller 343.7480 if you will be attending. If no answer, please leave a message and Jim will contact you.

Veterans Grave Sites ~ The Effingham Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Assembly will be placing American flags on the Veterans graves in St Anthony Cemetery on Veterans Day & Memorial Day. The parish office has records of deceased veterans from 1960 to the present. We want to honor all the veterans, so if you have a family member or relative that served in the military and is buried at St. Anthony Cemetery prior to 1960, please contact Don Niebrugge at 342.9469 with information on approximate location of the grave such as the NE, NW, SE, or SW area.



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.

Built for the Altar: The most important and dignified element of the sanctuary ~ and of the entire church ~ is the *altar*, the place where the Eucharistic sacrifice is offered. In fact, the church building is built for the altar, not the altar for the church. For this reason, all sight lines in the building naturally ought to converge at the altar, just as the liturgy of the Holy Mass converges (or climaxes) at the Consecration, when through the hands of the anointed priest, the bread and wine are transformed into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ! The sacrificial altar is so important and central to Catholic worship, not because it is a table upon which a banquet is prepared, but primarily because this is where the priest represents Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

In the vast majority of churches built within the past two thousand years, the altar is centered in the sanctuary, either freestanding or built up against a wall with a decorative structure (called a *reredos*) and the tabernacle sits behind it. Freestanding altars are actually more common and are built that way to enable the priest to walk around the altar to incense it.

When Christians gained freedom of public worship in the fourth century, permanent altars, usually made of stone, were erected for the first time in Europe. So great was the veneration of the martyrs, who had died for Christ, that almost every church in those years, especially in Rome, was built over the tomb of a martyr, and the church took the name of the saint — for instance, St. Peter's Basilica.

Because of this tradition, relics of the saints were placed within the altar; and until recently altars were required to hold the authenticated relics of at least two canonized saints. This custom is still followed in many places but is no longer required by Church law.

Proclaiming the Word: Another essential element of the sanctuary is the *pulpit*. For one reason or another, the raised pulpit seems to be disappearing from our churches. It is often replaced with something that resembles more of a lectern, one that is neither raised nor ornate.

Nevertheless, the term "pulpit" literally means "raised platform." Pulpits have been used in churches since at least the thirteenth century, when the Franciscans and Dominicans especially placed great emphasis on preaching, though not in opposition to or more than the Eucharistic sacrifice. Pulpits have often been crafted as a work of art, not only functional but beautiful as well, commonly decorated with carvings of Scriptural scenes. It is the raised pulpit that is best designed ~ practically speaking~to transmit the Word of God to the entire congregation.

Although pulpits are usually found at the left side of the sanctuary, others are commonly found to the left side at the front of the nave. Some are freestanding, while others are built into a side wall or column. They are designed and placed where acoustics will be best. In a well-designed church with a proper pulpit, no microphone or sound system is necessary to preach the Word loudly and clearly.

Sunday Collection Income	3-Sep-17	Budgeted
Offering (215 Env.)	\$13,468.00	\$10,570.00
Loose	\$1,389.00	\$1,610.00
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$14,857.00	\$12,180.00

Catholic Times has a remaining balance of \$613.50. 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.

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. We appreciate the fresh flowers and the variety of displays that have been donated. If you would like to donate flowers, contact Vicki Walker at 821.6179.

Thank you to Phil & Caroline Gibson for their donation of flowers this week in memory of the deceased members of the Gibson and Wagner families.

A special thank you to the Bernard Schallert family for their memorial donation. The donations will be used to purchase items for Sacred Heart School.

Sponsor of the Week



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