

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

As I reflect on our annual report that was sent to all registered families this week, I want to thank everyone who contributes to Sacred Heart Parish. Thank you to approx. 200 families who are giving weekly through electronic transactions or their offertory envelopes plus those who donate through the loose collection. As we celebrate our 125th year anniversary, may we strive to be a discipleship parish fulfilling a strong commitment to our faith through our gifts from God ~ time, talent, and treasure.

Thank you for all the well wishes for receiving the “Top 20 under 40” award. It was very humbling to be considered for such an honor among others who contribute their lives to making this a great community. To those who nominated me, your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

We are very proud of our Sacred Heart Parish couples who are celebrating over 50 years of marriage. I would like to invite all these couples to join us at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, Oct. 22, for a special blessing. It is a great testament to a solid foundation of their faith and commitment.



Looking ahead, we have many opportunities to be involved in the events scheduled for our 125th anniversary celebrations. Please make plans to join us on Sunday, Oct. 29, at the 10:30am Mass, as Bishop Paprocki and myself will officially kick off this special year. With an upcoming capital campaign and restoration of our church, we ask for your prayers and assistance.



Sacred Heart Parish is currently in the planning stages of a major capital campaign to raise the funds needed to restore our church sanctuary and construct a gathering space at our north entrance. We have selected Stauder Architecture as our architect for the project and have received preliminary plans and estimates. As our first step to this campaign, we soon will be conducting a Fundraising Feasibility & Planning Study to assess our financial potential and to seek parish members’ suggestions and feedback in all aspects of our plans. In addition, we will be inviting parishioners to participate in this important study.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, immediately after the 4:00pm Mass, there will be Church-Wide Informational Meeting from 5:00-6:00pm, in the church. All parishioners are cordially invited and encouraged to attend. We will share and discuss in detail our needs and plans, including a virtual presentation by the architect. We will then open the meeting up to member feedback and questions. On Wednesday, Oct. 25, to Friday, Oct. 27, there will be personal, confidential interviews. From Oct 29 to Nov. 5, we’ll invite and encourage everyone’s participation through a special online survey that will allow parishioners to read about our plans and provide their input and feedback.

### *Wedding Banns*

(I) Alisha Jewell & Travis Ruholl



### **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Party guests.** Prophet Isaiah paints a picture of a grand party on God’s mountain. It is a feast with rich food and choice wines. St. Matthew tells the story of a splendid wedding feast with invited guests who rudely decline and refuse to come. They are replaced with everyone off the street – good and bad alike. But good or bad at first, each must wear the wedding garment, that is, put on the baptismal garment who is Christ.

- ▶ *Who will I not ignore today?*
- ▶ *How can I not let my important business get in the way of attending to God’s business?*
- ▶ *I will “live in Christ” today by \_\_\_\_\_.*

### **Running for Priestly Vocations . . .**

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki is seeking sponsors for his November 4, 2017 Indianapolis Marathon run. Proceeds are to benefit the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois’ seminarian endowment fund.

To pledge go to [www.dio.org/marathonmarathon](http://www.dio.org/marathonmarathon) or call 217.698.8500 to have a pledge form mailed to you.

### **Sacred Heart Mass Schedule**

#### **Monday, Oct. 16**

**7:15am:** Bernard Schallert

#### **Tuesday, Oct. 17**

**7:15am:** Landon Stuckey

#### **Wednesday, Oct. 18**

**8:30am:** Mike Slaughter

#### **Thursday, Oct. 19**

**7:15am:** Mary Frum

#### **Friday, Oct. 20**

**7:15am:** Jim Overbeck

#### **Saturday, Oct. 21**

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

#### **Sunday, Oct. 22**

**8:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa):** Living & deceased members of the Robert & Gertrude Pruemer family

**10:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa):** Wilbert Kinkelaar

**5:30pm (Fr. Michal Rosa):** Verena Kreke

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

## ***Community Events . . .***

**Annual Intellectual Disability Benefit Breakfast will be held at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall (K of C) on Sunday, Oct. 15, from 7:00am to noon.** Menu is sausage, eggs, hashbrowns, and a drink. All proceeds are used locally.

**St. Hedwig's Oktoberfest will be Sunday, Oct. 15, from noon to 4:00pm, at the Newman Catholic Center grounds, 500 Roosevelt Ave, Charleston.** There will be croquet, music, bags tournament, bingo, games, raffle, food, and refreshments.

**T-town Witches Walk will be Friday, Oct. 20, from 6:30pm to 10:30pm, beginning at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall, and traveling throughout town.** Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Food available for purchase. Proceeds benefit Community Support Systems. For more information, contact Jill Buhnerkempe at 821.1106.

**Fall Bazaar will be held at Christ the King Parish Hall in Greenup on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.** There will be homemade baked goods and "cash & carry" items from various vendors. They will be serving breakfast and lunch.

**EIU Haiti Connection Annual Trivia Night will be Saturday, Oct. 28, at 7:00pm, at the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, Charleston.** The cost is \$10 per person and each team is allowed to have 8-10 members. To reserve a table, email [mjmoran@eiu.edu](mailto:mjmoran@eiu.edu).

**Pancake Breakfast will be held at Holy Cross Parish Hall in Wendelin on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 9:00am to noon.** Menu is pancakes, sausage, and drink. Cost is a free-will donation.

**Annual Chili Supper will be held at St. Clare Catholic Church, Altamont, on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 3:30pm to 7:00pm, in the church basement.** There will be a free-will donation. Menu includes chili, chicken noodle soup, BBQ sandwich, hot dog, pie, and drinks.

**Newman Night will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the EIU Campus in Charleston.** Mass at 4:30pm; social hour & silent auction at 5:30pm; dinner & greetings at 6:30pm; and dance with D.J. from 8:30pm to 11:00pm.

## **Protecting God's Children Workshop . . .**

### **St. Francis Parish, Teutopolis**

Monday, Oct. 23 @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, Nov. 14 @ 6:30pm

Call 857.6404 to register.

### **St. Anthony Parish, Effingham**

Tuesday, Nov. 14, @ 1:00pm

Call 347.7129 to register

### **St. Rose Parish, Montrose**

Thursday, Oct. 19 @ 6:30pm

Call 821.4626 to register

**Courses for all Catholics ~ University of Dayton Online Learning ~ The Cycle 7** 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 Oct. 22 and concludes Nov. 25. Registration continues through Oct. 18, 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 to 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](http://vlcff.udayton.edu) or contact the Office for Catechesis at 217.698.8500.

**Attorneys from the Immigration Project are available to answer immigration questions.** There are consultations available on Thursday, November 2, in Springfield. Please, call 309.829.8703 on Mondays or Wednesdays, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, to make an appointment for all consultations.

**Saint Luke Productions presents Tolton "From Slave to Priest" on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 7:00pm, at the Effingham Performance Center.** Admission is free-will offering, and the show is suitable for ages 10 & up. This event is sponsored by St. Anthony Parish. For additional information, call 347.7129 or go to [www.stanthony.com](http://www.stanthony.com).

**There will be a presentation by Duane Kremer, RPH, (Kremer Pharmacy) and Ashley Dillingham, MSSW, LSW, (HSHS Home Care & Hospice Southern IL) on medication management, medical records, and long-term planning, on Monday, Oct. 23, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, in the HSHS St. Anthony Hospital Auditorium.** This is sponsored by the Community Connected Care Collaborative, in partnership with HSHS St. Anthony's Hospital. For more information, call Ashley at 217.994.3397 or send an email to [ashley.dillingham@hshs.org](mailto:ashley.dillingham@hshs.org).

## **DeColores Women's Weekend will be Oct. 19 - 22**

Lay leader: Coleen Gephart @ 217.739.2321 or [cocosn68@yahoo.com](mailto:cocosn68@yahoo.com)

Spiritual Director: Father Michal Rosa

Assistant Spiritual Director: Sister Jane Hotze

For information, please call Mary Sur at 342.2003.

**The Grief Support Group meets every Tuesday at 6:15pm, at St. Anthony's Parish Center.** This group is open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one no matter how recent or how long ago. There is no registration, nor requirements, nor time limit. For more information, call Ann Platt at 217.690.4563.

**Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women met on Tuesday, Oct. 3, with 18 ladies and Fr. Michal present.** The council is still needing a vice-president for the 2017-18 year. They received several thank you for their assistance with recent funeral dinners.

Dr. Boyajian gave a very informative program about breast cancer and the warning signs as when to seek medical attention. The council voted to purchase technology tickets from SHS and also to accept a bid on fixing the slaw cutter.

A special thank you to Prime Sole for their donation of racks for the rummage sale that was hosted this past week. *The rummage sale netted a profit of \$3,396.40.*

The next meeting is the Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 6:00pm, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Mark your calendars!!

### ***Pro-Life Information . . .***

**Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life will be held at St. Charles Borromeo, Charleston, on Monday, Oct. 16.**

Praying the scriptural rosary will begin at 6:00pm. Fr. Hyland Smith will be the celebrant and homilist for the 6:30pm Mass. The business meeting will follow in their parish hall. Please join us in prayer for an end to abortion.



**Sacred Heart Church parishioners are asked to help for an hour or two at the Silk Purse in Effingham, on Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.** Sign up sheets are in the back of church. Please take time to help!

**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: 1-877-RACHEL-5.

### ***Effingham Knights of Columbus News . . .***

**The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Respect Life Rosary on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6:00pm, at St. Anthony Church.** Chicken and noodle supper will be provided after the rosary in the St. Anthony Parish Center.

**The 2017 Bishops Hall of Fame will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, in Sherman, IL, and Daniel L. Koester of the Effingham Council will be inducted.** Our Council has chartered a bus 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. Banquet tickets are \$26 each and there is no additional cost to ride the bus. Contact Jim Miller at 343.7480 if you will be attending. If no answer, please leave a message.



Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate *125 Years of Faith & Family* beginning Sunday, October 29, at the 10:30am Mass, where **Bishop Paprocki will be**

**the celebrant.** We have anniversary events planned all throughout the year, with a closing Harvest Mass scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018.

**In the back of church, we have 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary calendar magnets which detail the various events planned for our year-long celebration.** Please put it on your refrigerator and save the dates to help us celebrate. Watch the church bulletin for additional information (time/location) on the events. If you'd like to help plan and implement one of the scheduled events, please contact the church office at 347.7177.

**Sacred Heart Parish will have a float in the Effingham Sunrise Rotary's annual Halloween Parade.** The parade begins at 2:00pm on Sunday, October 29 (*the same day as our 125th anniversary kick off!*) and will follow Maple Street to Jefferson Avenue through downtown Effingham. We would love for our students and families to join us in walking in the parade and/or riding the float. Please stay tuned for more information about decorating the parade float and participating in the parade.

**Sacred Heart School PTA Soup Supper & Country Carnival will also be on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 3:30pm to 7:00pm, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center.** Menu is homemade chili & chicken noodle soup, hotdogs, pretzels, and nachos. Choose 2 menu items, plus dessert and drink. Adults are \$6.50 and children are \$4.00 (10 and under).



### ***Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish***

#### **Newly baptized**

Owen Lucas Schuette  
Hallie Clare Probst  
Kyler Lee Kinkelaar  
Wyatt Daniel Hille  
Kenzie Ann Conrady  
Leo Alexander Escalante  
Mollie Mae Goepfner  
Anahi Garcia Gomez  
Jonathan Garcia Gomez  
Marlow Fox Witges  
McKenna Jean Koester  
Emalyn Renee Robertson  
Myles Robert Johnson  
Keaton Reed Kruger  
Aubree Grace Kruger  
Nate Andrew Hille

## School News . . .

Parent/Teacher Conferences are being held in the evenings on **Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 3:30pm to 6:00pm** and **Thursday, Oct. 19, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm**. Dates and times for each child have been established. Any questions, please contact the school at 342.4060.

**Boys 7th and 8th grade basketball parent meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 16, at 5:00pm.** The 5th & 6th grade will each have their own basketball team this year.

We are currently accepting applications for coaches for both 5th & 6th grade. Please email Mrs. Wenthe at [v.wenthe@sheff.org](mailto:v.wenthe@sheff.org) if you are interested.



**Phone books are being collected to be recycled.** Please drop the phone books off at the school or parish office. Sacred Heart School can earn up to \$1,000, if we collect the most phone books.

**The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Tuesday, Oct. 24 - Sunday, Oct. 29, in the school lobby.** Please call Diana Ludwig at 821.6570 to volunteer to help with the Book Fair.

### The Book Fair hours are:

Tuesday, Oct. 24: 7:30am-9:30am

Wednesday, Oct. 25: 10:00am-12:15pm

Thursday, Oct. 26: 7:30am-9:00am and 5:30pm-7:00pm

Friday, Oct. 27: 7:30am-9:00am

Sunday, Oct. 29: 3:30pm-7:00pm

Parents and grandparents are welcome to come by during these scheduled times to make a purchase! We receive free books for the library based on the amount of sales.

### School Calendar

#### Monday, Oct. 16

1:30pm-3:00pm: Box Tops prep @ SHS

5:00pm: Gr. 7 & 8 Boys Basketball Parent Mtg @ SHS

6:15pm: Girls Basketball vs Olney St. Joe @ home

6:30pm-7:00pm: Gr. 5-8 Server meeting

@ Sacred Heart Church

#### Tuesday, Oct. 17

Yearbook picture of Boys Basketball & Cheerleaders

#### Wednesday, Oct. 18

3:30pm-6:00pm: Parent/Teacher Conferences

6:00pm: Glo Bingo meeting @ SHS

#### Thursday, Oct. 19

Grades K/1 trip to the Fire Station

4:00pm-8:00pm: Parent/Teacher Conferences

#### Friday, Oct. 20

No School

#### Tuesday, Oct. 17 to Sunday, Oct. 22

Girls Basketball 7th Grade Tourn. @ Brownstown

**Sacred Heart School PTA and Booster Club are seeking 2017/18 Sponsorships for their upcoming events.** *This school year's anchor PTA & Booster Club fundraising events include:*

- ♦ Soup Supper & Children's Carnival – Oct. 29, 2017
- ♦ Glo BINGO – Nov. 18, 2017
- ♦ Annual PTA Breakfast – April 8, 2018

**On behalf of the Sacred Heart School students who benefit from the funds generated at these PTA & Booster Club events, we would be grateful if you helped us in sponsoring this year's events with a donation of \$125.** Your donation will be used to support Sacred Heart Schools' programs, including items for raffle baskets and auction items for all four events. Each sponsor of the Soup Supper/Carnival, Glo BINGO, and Spring Breakfast will in return receive their business name and/or logo highlighted in numerous ways, including the Sacred Heart Parish bulletin and School newsletter, a banner at each of the events, a placemat on the dining tables, fliers, and more. The money raised by the PTA and Booster Club is invested in the students' education and extracurricular programs by providing funds for: art program, classroom needs, Accelerated Reader and TeacherEase software, technology needs, school assemblies, yearbook, and much more!

If you or your business is interested in being a sponsor, please contact Michele Jenson at 217.342.7458 or Christy Hakman at 217.347.7177. Thank you for your support!



### **Our 5th annual Technology Raffle to benefit Sacred Heart School's technology and enrichment programs has begun.**

During the months of October, November, & December, you can purchase a \$25 raffle ticket for your chance to win \$5,000 CASH!

Two early bird winners will each receive \$500 cash, while the grand prize winner will receive up to \$5,000 – just in time for Christmas! Five tickets were sent home with each student to sell. Be sure to ask family, friends, and neighbors too. We hope to sell 1,000 tickets! Early bird winners will be chosen on Oct. 29 and Nov. 26. If you're one of the early bird winners, you remain eligible for the additional early bird and grand prize drawings.

The grand prize of up to \$5,000 will be given away on Tuesday, Dec. 12, immediately following the Sacred Heart School Christmas program. As an added bonus – the Sacred Heart School student selling the grand prize ticket will win an iPad Mini!



Thank you to those who have helped SHS raise \$35,000+ in the last four years through our Technology Raffle! Your support has enabled Sacred Heart School to implement a 1-to-1-technology initiative with Chrome Books for all of the students in grades 4-8! *Please purchase a ticket this year for your chance to win!*

### 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, Oct. 16: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32  
Tuesday, Oct. 17: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41  
Wednesday, Oct. 18: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9  
Thursday, Oct. 19: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54  
Friday, Oct. 20: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7  
Saturday, Oct. 21: Rom 4-13, 16-18;  
Lk 12:8-12  
Sunday, Oct. 22: Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b;  
Mt 22:15-21

### Sacred Heart CCW News . . .

St. Anthony CCW invites the ladies of Sacred Heart to a soup supper on Monday, Oct. 16, at 6:00pm, at St. Anthony Parish Center. There will be several kinds of soups and homemade breads as well as an inspirational speaker.

All current altar servers are asked to be at a meeting on Monday, Oct. 16, from 6:30pm to 7:00pm, at Sacred Heart Church. Parents are welcome to stay.



Young Hearts Potluck will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at noon, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Meat is furnished, so bring your favorite side dish and join us. It is a great day of fellowship.

Natural Family Planning Class will be held at St. Anthony Church in Effingham, on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. To register or for more information, call Kate Pruemer at 821.1840.

Baptism Class will be held Thursday, November 16, at 6:00pm, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Call Darlene at 347.7177 to register.

## Parish Calendar Events

### Monday, Oct. 16

6:30pm: Server meeting @ Sacred Heart Church

### Tuesday, Oct. 17

12:00pm: Young Hearts Potluck @ Sacred Heart Parish Center  
1:00pm-5:00pm: Volunteer at Silk Purse

### Wednesday, Oct. 18

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

### Thursday, Oct. 19

11:00am: RCIA Class @ St. Anthony Parish Center  
7:00pm: RCIA Class @ St. Anthony High School, Room 109  
7:00pm: Theology on Tap @ Village Wine and Gifts

### Saturday, Oct. 21

5:00pm: Presentation on restoration project after Mass

### Sunday, Oct. 22

10:30am: Sunday School @ Sacred Heart Lower Level  
6:30pm: Effingham Area Youth Group @ Sacred Heart

**Theology on Tap is held on the third Thursday (Oct. 19) at 7:00pm, at the Village Wine Shop on Banker Street in Effingham.** For more information, contact Katalyn Miller at [kmiller@stanthony.com](mailto:kmiller@stanthony.com).

**Catholicism 101, a "Catholic Boot Camp", will be held at St. Anthony Parish Center, on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 7:00pm.** The topic will be *Morality* and presented by John Valenti. Discussion will be on the Foundations of Christian Morality (Part One). *What are the three elements of a moral act? What is conscience and how is it formed? Should one always follow one's conscience? There are eight types of conscience. What is the difference between a mortal and venial sin? What are the seven capital sins?* No cost, but register at the St. Anthony Parish office or call 347.7129.

### ~ 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 Pruemer, Greg Schaefer, Mary Edwards, Craig Lindvahl, Cathy Hayes, Fred Amacher, Kevin Ordner, Elizabeth Weidner, Wm. "Bill" Dasenbrock, Dorothy Levitt, Jill Quandt, 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, Scott Schaefer, Becky Ordner, Cindy Mietzner, Bill Althoff

**The Effingham K of C Fourth Degree Assembly will be placing American flags on the Veterans grave in St. Anthony Cemetery on Veterans Day & Memorial Day.** We want to honor all the veterans, so if you have a family member or relative that served in the military and is buried in 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.

**Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday.** Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to *“Chat With The Pope”* to learn more about his missions. To learn more go to [ChatWithThePope.org](http://ChatWithThePope.org).

**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 email [vcompton@dio.org](mailto:vcompton@dio.org).

**FACE invites all youth to adult musicians and vocalists to join their group as they prepare for the upcoming holiday concerts.** Choir rehearsals are on Monday nights, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, at the First Presbyterian Church, Effingham. Orchestra rehearsals are on Thursday nights, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, at Sacred Heart School. For more information, call Bev Marshall at 217.821.1026.

**Celebrate Life Magazine is hosting a Pro-Life Essay Contest with over \$1,000 in cash prizes, Pro-Life shirts and the chance to be published in their magazine.** There are two categories.

\* Category 1 is for students age 12 and under, to write 500-800 words (3-5 paragraphs) responding to the essay prompt: *In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says: “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). Who are the “least of these”? What does it mean to stand up for them? How can you follow Jesus’ command and care for the least of these around you?*

\* Category 2 is for students ages 13 to 18, to write 800-1200 words (5-7 paragraphs) responding to the essay prompt: *Saint John Paul II wrote: “The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally pro-life, who will proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gospel of life in every situation.” What does it mean to be unconditionally pro-life? How can you “proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gospel of life” in your life as a student?*

Submissions must be the original and unpublished work of the student and submitted by a teacher, parent, or legal guardian using the form on [ProlifeEssay.com](http://ProlifeEssay.com). Deadline is Dec. 2, 2017.

Sunday Collection Income	8-Oct-17	Budgeted
Offering ( 186 Env.)	\$8,025.00	\$10,570.00
Loose	\$1,779.00	\$1,610.00
Holy Days	\$20.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,824.00</b>	<b>\$12,180.00</b>



**The 2017-2018 Annual Catholic Services Appeal “ACSA” “Go Therefore and Make Disciples.” is underway. The goal for our 2017-18 ASCA is \$50,130.**

Remember that this annual appeal is our parish’s share of the cost of providing diocesan ministries and services which directly or indirectly benefit our parish and all Catholics of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

*We also invite you to start directing your weekly tithing to the Diocese.* Simply make your check payable to ACSA (*with Sacred Heart Church in the memo line*), ACSA on the envelope, and drop it in the collection. If our parish goal is surpassed, then 100% of the overage is returned to the parish. Any questions, call Mark Volk at 347.7177.

**To date, we have received \$5,075, leaving a balance of \$45,055.** *We need the help of all families, so please make a donation to help us meet our goal.*

**Michael J. Mette Concert will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 1:30pm, at Immaculate Conception, Mattoon, IL.** The concert will feature Michael Mette, along with his daughters Gabby on guitar, Trinity on violin/keys, and Charity on the drums. There will be a free-will donation. Everyone is invited.

**Fresh flowers are displayed by the tabernacle in memory/honor of a family or special occasion.** We will continue placing fresh flowers by the tabernacle in 2018. If you would like to donate flowers, contact Vicki Walker at 821.6179. **Thank you to Joe & Louise Nuxoll for their donation of flowers this week in honor of the Nuxoll family.**

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