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

This weekend is the last Sunday of the liturgical year as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. The kingdom of God calls us to a whole life of worship and service. We cannot worship on Sunday and then deny Christ's teaching in the way we conduct our lives through the week. To acknowledge the kingship of Christ means we should dedicate ourselves to prayer, to build up our families and our parish communities, and to bring healing to a broken world.



Recently, I was appointed to the Board of Directors of HSHS St. Anthony's Hospital in Effingham. This health care ministry offers great opportunity to focus on the services to the community and sustain a presence in Catholic health care. It is a great honor to serve on the board and help identify the needs of our community.

I personally want to encourage everyone to take the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation in the upcoming month. As always, reconciliation is available 30 minutes before weekday Masses and again at 3:00pm on Saturdays. For Advent, there will be the following reconciliation services to accommodate particular groups, however everyone is welcome.

- ▶ First Reconciliation ~ Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 6:30pm @ Sacred Heart Church
- ▶ Sacred Heart Students ~ Wednesday, Dec. 6, beginning at 9:15am @ Sacred Heart Church
- ▶ PSR students ~ Sunday, Dec. 13, at 6:30pm @ Sacred Heart Church
- ▶ Parish Reconciliation ~ Sunday, Dec. 17, from 3:00pm to 4:00pm @ St. Anthony Church
- ▶ Parish Reconciliation ~ Monday, Dec. 18, beginning at 6:00pm @ Sacred Heart Church

If these times do not fit your schedule, please call me to set up a time.

All liturgical ministers (Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Cantors, Choir, Servers, Sacristans) are asked to join us at Sacred Heart Church for Adoration on Monday, Dec. 4, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. We realize that the holidays can be a very hectic time and this will be the perfect opportunity to reflect on the season of Advent and pray. Everyone welcome.

Advent Reflection on the Birth of Jesus Christ will be held on Tuesdays (Dec. 5, 12, 19), at 12:30pm, at Sacred Heart Church lower level, and again at 6:30pm, at St. Anthony Parish Center. Through classic works of art, music, and Gospel narratives, come explore the Life of Christ from the Annunciation of the angel Gabriel, Visitation of Mary, and the Nativity and Birth of Jesus Christ. *Everyone welcome!*

Christmas Flowers ~ Envelopes are included in your December packets for Christmas flowers and decorations. If the donation is made in memory of a loved one, please note that on the envelope. A special memorial page will be included in the bulletin.

Advent Angels ~ Gift bags will again be delivered during the Christmas season to our loved ones who are homebound, sick, or in the nursing home. If you would like to help provide items to fill a gift bag, please bring items to the parish office or place them in the container by the usher's room. Suitable items are soaps, lotions, perfume/cologne, air fresheners, socks, slippers, handkerchiefs, small afghans, small religious picture, statue, picture frame, doily, or basic essentials for everyday use. Please, no candles or food. If you prefer to make a cash donation, place money in an envelope marked "Advent Angels" and put it in the collection by Dec. 3.

~ Sacred Heart Church Mass Schedule ~

Immaculate Conception is on Friday, December 8, and is a holy day.

Masses will be celebrated at 7:15am, 8:30am, and 7:00pm.

Ministry schedule sign up sheet for 7:00pm Mass is in the back of church, so please sign up.

Christmas Eve Masses will be Sunday, Dec. 24, at 4:00pm and 7:30pm.

Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25, Masses will be at midnight, 9:30am, and a 5:00pm Spanish Mass.

Ministry schedules are in the back of church, so please sign up as soon as possible so we can finalize a schedule.

On New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, we will have Mass at 9:30am and a 5:00pm Spanish Mass.

The weekend of Dec. 30-31, we will follow the regular weekend Mass schedule.

St. Anthony Church Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: 4:30pm, 7:00pm; Christmas Day: midnight, 8:00am, and 10:00am

Sacred Heart Church Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:30pm,
7:00pm (Misa en Español)

Reconciliation

3:00pm on Saturday
and 30 minutes prior to weekday Masses

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



We invite families to join the Family Choir to sing at the 8:30am Mass once a month.

Please contact Judy Bergfeld at 821.6324 for rehearsal times as we want to accommodate schedules. It is open to all parish and school families that would like to sing together as a group and lead the congregation. We encourage you and your children to become involved in church ministries!

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Sacred Heart



Parish Center. Meat will be furnished, so just bring your favorite dish. We will have our annual silent auction, so start thinking about an item to bring. All proceeds will be given to families in need. Entertainment will be provided by the Immanuel Lutheran Church Bell Choir. This is a wonderful evening of fellowship, so come and bring a friend.

Join us on a bus trip to the annual March for Life to Washington, D.C. St. Anthony High School students along with other area youth have a bus reserved and seats are available. The cost for the trip is approx. \$125. We are also offering a "sponsor a seat" opportunity for parishioners who want to support the March but are unable to attend the trip. Snacks may also be donated for the bus ride and can be dropped off at the high school office!

For more information, contact Katalyn Miller at kmiller@stanthony.com.

Parish Calendar Events

Tuesday, Nov. 28

6:00pm: Finance Council @ Sacred Heart Lower Level

Wednesday, Nov. 29

1:15pm: God Is! Retreat Committee Meeting
@ Sacred Heart Parish Center

6:00pm: Parish Choir Practice & Treat Night
@ Sacred Heart Lower Level

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

6:30pm: First Reconciliation @ Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, Nov. 30

11:00am: RCIA Class @ St. Anthony Parish Center

7:00pm: RCIA Class @ St. Anthony High School, Rm 109

Sunday, Dec. 3

10:30am: Sunday School @ Sacred Heart Lower Level

6:30pm: Effingham Area Youth Group
@ Sacred Heart Lower Level

Protecting God's Children Workshop

St. Rose Parish, Montrose

Thursday, Nov. 30 @ 6:30pm ~ Call 821.4626 to register

Readings for the Week:

Monday, Nov. 27: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, Nov. 28: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, Nov. 29: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, Nov. 30: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Friday, Dec. 1: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, Dec. 2: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, Dec. 3: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, Nov. 27

7:15am: Lisa & Zita Reis

Tuesday, Nov. 28

7:15am: Robert Lustig

Wednesday, Nov. 29

8:30am: Joseph & Zola Klingler

Thursday, Nov. 30

7:15am: Bob & Vera Verdeyen

2:30pm Lakeland Nursing Home Mass:

Anna Marie Wernsing

Friday, Dec. 1

7:15am: Bernard Schallert

Saturday, Dec. 2

4:00pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): John Lange

Sunday, Dec. 3

8:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): Wes Blumer

10:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): For Our Parishioners

5:30pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): Don Tipsword

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

Join Sacred Heart Parish in assisting the Effingham County Fish & Catholic Charities in their annual collection for the “Christmas Store”. Sacred Heart Parish families are asked to donate new/gently used toys, games, hats, and gloves. Please bring items to the school or church by Dec 1. Disabled, low-income families, and senior citizens need to complete an application to shop at the Christmas Store. Please contact FISH or Catholic Charities for an application. The Christmas Store will be open Dec. 8-9.

Volunteers are needed . . .

Dec. 3: To help load and transport items to the Agracel Building beginning at noon.

Dec. 4, 5 & 7: Store set up from 9:00am to 6:00pm. Come any time to help.

Dec. 8 & 9: Christmas Store open Friday from 12:00pm to 5:00pm and Saturday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Dec. 10: Tear down from 10:00am to completion. For more information, contact Molly Bushue at 217.254.0777 or MollyBushue@gmail.com.

Effingham County Christmas Store needs your help to fill the semi during the X & KJ-Athon on Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 6:00am to 6:00pm. Items needed are new hats & gloves, new coats, new toys, diapers (any size), family board games, and new kids jeans and socks. Food needed is stuffing, boxed potatoes, canned goods, cake mix, pie crust, pie filling, mac & cheese, brownie mix, spaghetti and sauce. Monetary donations can be made to FISH or Catholic Charities and put in the memo “The Christmas Store”.

~ Prayer List ~

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, 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, Jim Faller, Melinda Burrell, Bertha Walls, Paula Moore

School News . . .



Purchase a \$25 Technology Raffle ticket to benefit Sacred Heart School’s technology and enrichment programs and have a chance to win up to \$5,000 CASH! Our next early bird winner drawing is Sunday, Nov. 26, after the 10:30am Mass. Tickets can be purchased at the parish or school office and also are being sold after the weekend Masses. The grand prize of up to \$5,000 will be given away at Christmas program on Tuesday, Dec. 12. As an added bonus – the Sacred Heart School student selling the grand prize ticket will win an iPad Mini!

The SHS Christmas program “Back to the Manger” will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 6:30pm, with the band performing at 6:15pm. Dress rehearsal will be Monday, Dec. 11, at 1:15pm, in the gym.

All students in grades 4-8 are invited to sing in the children’s choir at our 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass! Sign up sheets were sent home, so please turn them in ASAP.

SCRIP Cards will be sold after all weekend Masses in December, at the Sacred Heart Church office on Wednesdays from 9:00am-4:30pm and on Fridays from 9:00am-1:00pm, and at the Baseball Card Connection in downtown Effingham during their regular business hours. Scrip cards make a perfect gift for babysitters, paper carriers, teachers, and that “hard to buy person” in your life. We keep a wide variety of cards IN STOCK of local businesses, along with many retail stores, gas stations, and restaurants.

To our local business owners, will you be buying gift cards for your employees and/or colleagues this year? SCRIP Card Gift Certificates can also be purchased in increments of \$25, \$50, and \$100. If you’re not sure which card to choose, this will allow them to pick their own card. Also, thousands of national retailer and restaurant cards are available for special order, so check out our website at www.sheff.org to see a full listing.

School Calendar

Monday, Nov. 27

Volleyball practice starts

Tuesday, Nov. 28

6:15pm: Boys Basketball vs. Sigel St. Michael @ SHS

Wednesday, Nov. 29

6:30pm: First Reconciliation @ Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, Nov. 30

6:15pm: Boys Basketball vs. Stew-Stras @ SHS

Friday, Dec. 1 Aluminum can drop off day

Saturday, Dec. 2

Space Camp Christmas Tree Sales @ SHS grounds

Monday, Nov. 27 to Friday, Dec. 1

Girls Basketball 8th Grade Regionals

School Update . . .

The Sacred Heart School students just met the midterm mark of the 2nd quarter, and we want to share with you some of the things they are doing in their classrooms. As a whole, the students are learning about the virtue of forgiveness. During morning prayer and throughout the school day, the children are practicing ways to show forgiveness to others as well as themselves. In addition, the entire school has begun practicing for the upcoming Christmas program to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13. Please plan to join us for this annual tradition!

Preschool students are learning that God makes everything, and it is all good! The students just had their fall programs, and were able to show their families the classrooms and perform songs as well. They are working on the letter G and the number four, and are also learning about the square and the color brown.

Kindergarten students are learning that Jesus lived in a family, just like them! They have also listened to the story about Zacchaeus, and sang a tune all about his time with Jesus. As part of their dinosaur unit, the students are making a class book about these amazing creatures! Not only are the children practicing their songs for their upcoming Thanksgiving program, they are also excited about learning their special songs for the school-wide Christmas program.

First grade students are very busy learning about the seasons of the church year and the seven sacraments. In math, they are working on adding and subtracting by 1 and 0. They are also studying verbs, long vowels, writing paragraphs, and comparing and contrasting. The first graders are also learning about Native Americans and the Pilgrims, and what Thanksgiving is all about.

Second grade students are preparing for their First Reconciliation which will be on November 29. They are leading prayer at the "T" this month and sharing with the school what they have learned about forgiveness! The students just finished writing "How to Articles" and have started working with pronouns and adjectives in English. They are finishing up addition facts and will be starting subtraction very soon. The students are reading *Thanksgiving on Thursday*, and are also learning about pilgrims in social studies.

Third grade students are getting prepared for Thanksgiving by reading the fact finder book, *Pilgrims* by Mary Pope Osborne. The book gives many facts about pilgrims, such as why they came to America and which foods were served at the first Thanksgiving meal. The students just started multiplication in math, working on the 10's and 1's facts. In English, they have been writing "How to Articles." In science, they are studying ecosystems and food chains. In religion, they have learned about some important faith-filled women in the Bible, and even made a "We Are Thankful" wheel to share with their families on Thanksgiving.

Fourth grade students are preparing for their upcoming Mass on December 8. It is a holy day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and they invite the parish to join them for the 8:30am Mass that morning. They will also be cantoring at Mass during the month of December. In reading, they are enjoying *Indian in the Cupboard*, and getting to know the main characters Little Bear and Boone. They are finishing up their unit on pronouns in English.

Fifth grade students are learning that they are all stewards of God's earth and that they must take care of everything He created, including all of God's people, each of whom is made in His image. In science, the students are learning about invertebrates and vertebrates. They recently welcomed a special guest to their class, Mrs. Greuel from Ballard Nature Center, who shared interesting facts on animals and even brought snakes and frogs with her to the classroom! In social studies, the students are learning about the American Indian cultures.

Sixth grade students are closely examining the letters of St. Paul and learning about the town of Ephesus in their religion class. They just began reading *Bridge to Terabithia* in literature, and are working on punctuating large and small work titles in English. In social studies, the students just finished up exploring Egypt and have moved on to China!

Seventh grade students are stressing being the "hands and feet" of Christ here on earth. They understand they cannot simply pray for change, but they must work to make the change happen. In math class, the students are excelling at algebra. In history, they are almost finished with their study of the U.S. Constitution. Ask one of them to sing the Preamble for you! They are also learning to type fast and they continue mastering new words in Spanish class.

Eighth grade students just finished covering the theological and cardinal virtues and have started to learn about consideration which is the virtue they will be teaching the school about during the month of December. They've recently completed the novel, *The Westing Game*, which was a very suspenseful story which the students seemed to really enjoy. In science, the students learned the different states of matter and how they can change. They have also been extremely busy preparing for their leading roles in the Christmas program.

Community Events . . .

The ladies of St. Anthony Church Effingham Holiday Cookie/Candy Sale will be Saturday, Dec. 2, from noon to 7:00pm and Sunday, Dec. 3, from 7:00am to 1:00pm, in the St. Anthony Parish Center. In addition to the array of cookies, snack mixes, candies, and fudge, there will be holiday breads and coffee cakes. Please stock up on the holiday treats for your family and guests.

Christmas Cookie Walk is Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, at St. Stephen Catholic Church, Flora. Homemade holiday cookies for \$7 a pound. There will also be basket raffle and craft vendors. 1/3 of all proceeds from cookie will go to the Clay Co. Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry.

Hospice of Southeastern Illinois Cookie Walk & Festival of Trees will be Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9:00am to 12:00pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5330 E. Frontage Ln, Olney. They will feature a delicious assortment of holiday cookies and candies for purchase along with a dazzling array of 2 ft. trees and decorated wreaths. All proceeds help provide care and support to terminally ill patients and their families throughout 13 counties.

Chiara Center will host the Franciscan Nativity Festival on Friday, Dec. 1, from 2:00pm to 7:00pm, and Saturday, Dec. 2, and Sunday, Dec. 3, from noon to 4:00pm. This festival features more than 100 nativity sets, many of which are new this year. This event is free and open to the public. Chiara Center is located at 4875 LaVerna Road, Springfield, IL, 62707 or visit the website www.chiaracenter.org.

St. Hildegard von Bingen Schola and sister choir Le Petite Flame will present their Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4:00pm, at HSHS St. Anthony Hospital Chapel. Celebrating their 5th year of beautiful music together, the current members are: McKenna Steineman, Carly Spraul, Makenna Grubb, Rachel Dust, Olivia Spraul, Elizabeth Kabbes, Abby Dietzen, Grace Walker, and Anna Zaccari. New to the Hildegard tradition is Le Petite Flame, their sister choir of younger members, Shae Condor, Evie Sayne, and Susy Trupiano, who will be in concert with them all under the direction of Barbara Konrad. Join us for this free public concert!

Christmas Open House will be held at the Cross at the Crossroads Welcome Center on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Guests will enjoy music from FACE and various choirs, nativity scenes from around the world, door prizes, and free refreshments. They will also have a free "make and take" Christmas craft.

Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Sunday, Jan. 14, at Teutopolis Grade School. Watch the bulletin for updates.

Effingham Knights of Columbus News

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest will be sponsored by the Effingham K of C. There are four age groups – age 4 and under, ages 5 to 7, ages 8 to 10, and ages 11 to 14 (*age as of Nov. 1, 2017*). The posters must be on entry forms provided by the Knights of Columbus. Entry forms were sent home with students, can be obtained from Greg Koester at 821.7731, or download from the Council website at effinghamkc.com. The deadline for entries is Monday, Dec. 4.

The Children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3, with doors opening at 2:00pm. Santa Claus will arrive shortly thereafter. There will be games and refreshments prior to and during Santa's visit. There will be door prizes including a drawing for a girls bicycle and boys bicycle. If you know of a prospective Knight, invite him and his family to join us.

For the Children's Christmas Party, we need 7th grade students or older to assist with games, face painting, making Christmas Cards for soldiers, coloring pictures, and being Santa's elves handing out bags. Please call Greg Koester at 821.7731 to volunteer. Students should be at the Event Center at 1:30pm and stay until 4:00pm.

The Adult Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 17, with doors opening at 12:00pm. The social hour will be from 12:00pm-1:00pm with the meal served at 1:00pm. Live music starts at 2:00pm and will play until at least 4:00pm. There will also be 50/50 and door prize drawings throughout the afternoon. We look forward to seeing all our Brother Knights and their spouses. For our single Brother Knights, you are encouraged to invite your girlfriend or friends who are not yet Knights.

Columbian Squires (St. Nicholas Circle 5651) will be filling in for Santa's elves and assisting with the children's party. They will collect the homemade Christmas cards and they will be sent to service men and women overseas. At the Dec. 14 meeting, the Squires will be preparing and sending cards to the seminarians in the Springfield Diocese, local priests, and to wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital.

There will be a youth activities raffle fundraiser with proceeds going towards various youth programs such as the Coats for Kids, contest awards, assist students attending March for Life, 5th grade vocations field trip, and the Columbian Squires Circle. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 with only 1000 printed. First prize will be the choice of 1 of 2 firearms or \$750. Second prize will be the winner's choice of 1 of 2 firearms or \$500 – or the prize can be a credit to the firearm of your choice. There will be an early bird drawing at the K of C Adult Christmas Party on Dec. 17. Grand prize will be drawn at the Egyptian Collectors Trade Show on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 2:00pm.

Rohingya Refugees Fleeing Persecution in Myanmar - A humanitarian crisis is rapidly escalating in Bangladesh as families flee targeted attacks in Myanmar's Rakhine state. At least 600,000 people have fled Myanmar since August alone, and Bangladesh is now experiencing one of the worst humanitarian crises in its history. Pope Francis will be visiting both Myanmar and Bangladesh at the end of this month, bringing a much-needed spotlight to this emergency. Caritas Bangladesh, with the assistance of Catholic Relief Services, is providing truly life-saving relief – including a two-month food supply to 68,000 refugees. Donations to CRS' relief efforts will provide continued safe shelter, critical living supplies, clean water, and sanitation. Go to crs.org to learn more about the crisis and to make a donation.

Honor Mother Cabrini Today - It feels like no coincidence that, as we commemorate the centennial of the death of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, patroness of immigrants, Pope Francis has launched *Share the Journey*, a global campaign inviting people around the world to love our immigrant and refugee neighbors. Learn more about brothers and sisters who have fled their homes and how you can support them in honor of Mother Cabrini <https://www.sharejourney.org/>.

Living in Love, a retreat weekend, is designed to energize the romance and renew the excitement of being in love. The next weekend is Jan. 6-7, 2018, at the Villa Maria Catholic Conference & Retreat Center. The cost is \$150 per couple and includes materials, meals, and overnight accommodations. To RSVP, email BSmith@dio.org or call 217.321.1139.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in the St. Louis area is on Dec. 1-3, 2017. The next weekend in Springfield, IL is on March 23-25, 2018. To register, call 314.649.7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

Courses for all Catholics - University of Dayton Online Learning – Cycle 1 begins January 2018. The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), is a program of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton which offer adult faith formation classes. Our partnership with the University of Dayton allows the people of our diocese to take these classes 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. Classes for the 2018 year (Cycle 1) starts on January 14 through February 17, 2018. Registration for Cycle 1 ends on January 10, 2018. For more information, visit the VLCFF web site (vlcff.udayton.edu) or contact the Office for Catechesis, 217.698.8500.

Sunday Collection Income	19-Nov-17	Budgeted
Offering (191 Env.)	\$7,489.00	\$10,570.00
Loose	\$1,396.00	\$1,610.00
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$8,885.00	\$12,180.00



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. We 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 \$15,614, leaving a balance of \$34,516.** Please make a donation to help us meet our goal.

A note of thanks from Sr. Ann Fearday . . .

In the spirit of thanksgiving, thank you for the blessings bestowed on the people of Bolivia. I am most grateful for the donations made to the FACE program and Bolivian Mission. The adults and children have become more responsible people and have a sense of community due to the assistance they receive. *Thank you!!*

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women are in need of empty plastic containers. They would like the size of an ice cream pail or smaller. Please drop them off at the parish office or bring them to the Christmas party.

Fresh flowers are displayed by the tabernacle in memory/honor of a family or special occasion. If you would like to donate flowers in 2018, please call Vicki Walker at 821.6179.

Thank you to **Elaine Vonderheide** for the donation of flowers this week in memory of **Jerry, Paul, Alma, and Earl Vonderheide.**

Sponsor of the Week



We're a family-friendly restaurant offering dine-in and carryout options.

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