

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

Please bring in your old palms to the parish office or to church next weekend and place them in the baskets around the back of church. They will be properly burned and distributed for Ash Wednesday.



Please join us for Adoration on Monday, Feb. 5, at 7:00pm, at Sacred Heart Church, and spend time in quiet prayer. Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. It is a great privilege to participate, and I hope to see you there. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call me.

Mark your calendar for a Sacred Heart Parish Mission beginning with the Masses on March 10-11 and continuing Monday-Wednesday, March 12-14, with presentations by Fr. Chuck Edwards on stewardship and discipleship. Fr. Chuck, pastor of St. Anthony Parish, previously was the diocesan director with the Office for Stewardship and Discipleship. Please, make plans now to attend this mission and hear the powerful message on how to connect with your parish.



You may have noticed that some of the servers are not wearing the white surplice over their cassock. These fourth grade students and several students in the upper classes who have decided to become altar servers are being trained by Tom Rohr and will begin serving at Mass in the coming months. All servers are invited to serve at every Mass and become more familiar with the different roles as a server.

I am looking for volunteers to train Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers. I would love to see a person responsible for each ministry so that we have more parishioners involved in the ministries. Please call me if you can help.



We are looking for a volunteer to create the bulletin each week. The individual needs to be proficient in Microsoft Publisher. Please contact me for more details.

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 and ends just prior to the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018, when the Paschal Triduum begins. Lent is the principal penitential season in the Church year. All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self-denial (in addition to the Lenten regulations which follow), serious prayer and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.

Lenten Regulations

- ABSTINENCE** – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- FAST** – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

**Ash Wednesday Mass ~ Feb. 14
8:30am, 12:10pm, and 7:00pm**

Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 5:30pm

Sacred Heart Fish Fries

Sacred Heart Parish Center

**Friday, Feb. 16, Feb. 23, and March 2
serving from 4:30pm to 7:30pm**

Menu includes Fish, Mac & Cheese or Baked Potato, Slaw or Applesauce, Chips, Drink, and Dessert

Large plate: \$8:00 & Small plate: \$4.00

Ladies of parish are asked to bring desserts

Feb. 16 ~ last names A-L; Feb. 23 ~ last names M-Z

March 2 ~ Youth Group

Sacred Heart School No Fish-Fish Fry

Sacred Heart Parish Center

Friday, March 9, from 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Menu includes Joe's Pizza cheese pizza and meatless pasta, salad, breadsticks, and dessert.

Adults \$6.00 ~ children \$4.00

Proceeds benefit the 2018 Space Camp Trip.

~ Restoration Update ~

Our Restoration Committee (Fr. Michal, Sr. Rene, Mike Schmitz, Vicki Walker, Marty Stock, Judy Luchtefeld, Judy Bergfeld, Penny Wiedman, and Christy Hakman) reviewed all of your nearly 500 comments made during the Feasibility Study, and we will be sharing the results and your comments, as well as answering your questions and addressing your concerns.

This week, we are sharing information about the proposed **narthex**, or the new extended entrance into Sacred Heart Church. The narthex is an architectural element consisting of the entrance or foyer area, and it is located at the opposite end of the church's altar. The narthex is a place of welcome – a transitional space between the outside environment and the worship space, which includes the nave and the sanctuary. In the early days of the Catholic Church, the narthex was a 'waiting area' for catechumens and penitents. Today, many churches have a narthex to create a much needed buffer between parishioners and guests who are in the sanctuary praying and worshiping, and those who are just entering the church. In addition to the reasons mentioned above, a number of other factors including seating, security, and parking, have led us to the decision to add the narthex.

Many survey respondents expressed concern about needing more seating for certain Masses through the year. We completely agree! The narthex will allow for overflow seating during Christmas, Easter, and other largely attended Masses. Because the narthex will have glass walls and doors separating it from the nave and the sanctuary, chairs can be placed in the narthex which will still provide parishioners and guests with a direct connection to the inside of the church.

As for security, there is a concern over the six sets of doors that we currently have in our church. During our security analysis completed by the Effingham Police Chief, we learned that fewer entrances and exits will decrease the security risks that we currently have with our six entrances.

With regards to our current parking and the addition of a narthex, the plan is to build the narthex at the north end of the church and to wrap the narthex around to the west and east sides of the church, creating two main entrances into the church. The new west side entrance will include a covered, drive through drop-off area, with the other narthex entrance on the east side of the church. Both new entrances will be close to our current parking areas!

Similarly, some of you expressed concern about the location of the narthex being too close to the proposed road and bicycle path that the City of Effingham is planning. Father Michal and members of our Restoration Committee met with the Illinois Dept. of Transportation to discuss the plans, and learned that although these plans are still being considered, there is no definite timeline for the new road and bike path. However, if and when the new road/bike path is constructed, it will come up to the far north side of our current fountain along Fayette Avenue. This is yet another reason for eliminating the north side entrances by wrapping the narthex (and the two new entrances) to the east and west sides of the church.

We're working diligently to finalize the narthex plans and will provide you with architectural drawings and photos in the very near future.

As always, if you have questions regarding our upcoming restoration project, please contact Fr. Michal, me, or any of the committee members. In the future, we will publish these updates in the bulletin, so please continue to read through the information each weekend. In addition, Fr. Michal will also be providing updates from the pulpit.

Thank you for your time and may God bless us as we work to restore the Church.

Alumni Mass and Breakfast is Sunday, February 11, at 8:30am.



We invite all Sacred Heart School alumni to attend the Mass, and to be recognized and receive a blessing from Fr. Michal. All graduates and their families are also invited to join us for a light breakfast in the parish center following Mass. Tours of Sacred Heart School will be given, and we encourage alumni to peruse our memorabilia display, check out the classrooms, and reminisce! Formal invitations have been mailed and/or emailed to those alumni for whom we have updated contact information. If you have not yet provided your information, and would like to receive more information regarding the event, please email alumni@sheff.org. We look forward to celebrating our 125th anniversary with all SHS alumni!

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

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will host their annual luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at noon. All ladies of the parish are invited for soup and sandwiches with a brief meeting to follow. Nancy Liss, a local yoga instructor, will do a presentation on gentle yoga. For those ladies who work full-time, this is a great opportunity to enjoy a meal with fellow parishioners and catch up on CCW activities.



Father-Daughter Sweetheart Dance will be held on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, at the Effingham Event Center. Pictures will be taken from 12:30pm to 1:00pm. All preschool-grade 8 girls and their father/special friend are invited. \$5.00 per person. Return form with payment by Feb. 8 as the price increases to \$7.50 per person after that date. *This dance is sponsored by Sacred Heart and St. Anthony Parishes.*

Effingham County Right to Life

Our next pro-life meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 13, which will include touring the Crisis Nursery of Effingham County. Please join us to learn about this important service agency in our community. We will meet at the St. Anthony Parish Center for a brief meeting at 6:30pm, then we'll drive to the Crisis Nursery for a tour by Meghan Rewers, the Executive Director.



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Right to Life Breakfast. Your assistance and donations helped to host a successful fundraiser.

Parish Calendar Events

Monday, Feb. 5

6:00pm: Technology Meeting @ Sacred Heart Lower Level

7:00pm: Adoration @ Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday, Feb. 6

8:30am: Resurrection Choir @ Sacred Heart Church

12:00pm: CCW Luncheon @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Wednesday, Feb. 7

6:00pm: Choir Practice @ Sacred Heart Church

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

Sunday, Feb. 11

9:30am: SHS Alumni Fellowship Breakfast
@ Sacred Heart Parish Center

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

4:00pm: Effingham Area Youth Group
@ Sacred Heart Lower Level

Readings for the Week:

Monday, Feb. 5: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, Feb. 6: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, Feb. 7: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, Feb. 8: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday, Feb. 9: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, Feb. 10: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, Feb. 11: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1;
Mk 1:40-45

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, Feb. 5

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

Tuesday, Feb. 6

7:15am: Bill Schwartz

Wednesday, Feb. 7

8:30am: Dorothy Kade

Thursday, Feb. 8

7:15am: Ernie & Gert Pulsford

Friday, Feb. 9

7:15am: Walter & Bert Ritchie

Saturday, Feb. 10

4:00pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): Wayne & Mary Tipsword

Sunday, Feb. 11

8:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): Sacred Heart School Alumni

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

5:30pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): Ray Pals

7:00pm Spanish Mass (Fr. Paul Habing): Hilma Goeckner

We invite families to join the Family Choir to sing at the 8:30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Contact Judy  Bergfeld at 821.6324 for rehearsal times. This opportunity is open to all parish and school families that would like to sing together as a group and lead the congregation.

School News . . .

It was a wonderful Catholic Schools Week. A special thank you to all the students who participated in the Catholic Schools Week Mass on Sunday to kick off the week.



We are in need of volunteers on **Monday, Feb. 5, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, in the school library, to help prepare a shipment of Box Tops.** We need to cut, separate/sort labels, and stuff envelopes for mailing. If possible, bring a pair of scissors. If you are able to help, call or text Audra Haarman at 821.8829 or email her at haarman_2007family@yahoo.com.

Welcome to **Sandy Mueller, who recently started as our new Clubhouse employee.** We are still looking for one or two people to help with this program. Contact the school office at 342.4060 for more information or to apply.

School Calendar

Monday, Feb. 5

1:00pm: Box Tops Prep & Mailing @ SHS Library

4:00pm: Volleyball vs. Altamont @ SHS gym

Tuesday, Feb. 6

4:15pm: Volleyball @ Effingham Jr. High

6:30pm: 5/6 Boys Basketball @ Stew-Stras

Wednesday, Feb. 7

6:30pm: PTA Meeting @ SHS Library

Thursday, Feb. 8

4:00pm: Volleyball vs. Altamont Lutheran @ SHS gym

6:00pm: 5/6 Boys Basketball @ St. Elmo

Friday, Feb. 9

Valentine Day Parties

Noon Dismissal ~ No lunch served

Saturday, Feb. 10

7th Grade Volleyball NTC Tournament

6th Grade Boys Basketball Tourn. @ Sigel St. Michael

1:00pm: KC Spelling Bee @ Effingham Event Center

Sunday, Feb. 11

9:30am: SHS Alumni Breakfast

@ Sacred Heart Parish Center

1:00pm: Father-Daughter Valentine Dance

@ Effingham Event Center

Sacred Heart School will host its **annual Open House and Kindergarten Sneak Peek on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 5:00-7:00pm.**



Join us to *Discover the Difference* and to learn more about Sacred Heart School's preschool through grade 8 programs. Our school-wide Open House will feature tours of our facilities (led by SHS students), technology demonstrations, Q&A with teachers, parents, and students, and much more. The Kindergarten Sneak Peek is a one-hour presentation regarding our exceptional kindergarten program. Students and parents will learn about the class structure, curriculum, expectations, etc. and will receive a special gift during the event. Registration is suggested so that we have materials prepared for each family. Please call us at 342.4060 to register for the Sneak Peek.

Let us show you the benefits of attending our Christ-centered learning environment. Teachers and staff at Sacred Heart School foster the same morals and values found in your Christian homes, and we provide discipline in and out of the classrooms. If you know of someone who is considering a Catholic school for their child(ren), please encourage them to attend the Open House or even offer to bring them with you!



Sacred Heart School is preregistering parishioners and current school families for Kids for Christ Preschool and kindergarten to plan for next year's enrollment. Tuition information and the registration paperwork will be sent home with students after the Open House on Feb. 13. If you have any questions about registration, please contact Christy Hakman at 347.7177. If you have not decided yet if you want to send your preschool or kindergarten child to school this fall or wait another year, we advise you to go ahead and preregister. We can easily remove your child's name if you decide to wait another year.

Parents with Catholic students in 2nd and 8th grades are required to attend the God Is! Retreat. The retreat is on Sunday, Feb. 25, from noon to 4:30pm, at St. Anthony Parish. The 8th grade students will also have a retreat at that same time. The 2nd grade students do not attend. For the parents who have already attended the retreat, you do not have to attend this year.

Sacred Heart School weather-related news

Parents will be notified through the *Alert Now* system about weather-related school events. If your phone contact information changes, please notify the school office. Also, daily announcements are updated on the website: www.sheff.org, or tune into your local radio stations and check their websites.

Community Events . . .

Newman Breakfast will be on Sunday, Feb. 4, from 7:00am to noon, at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. The menu is whole hog sausage, scrambled and fried eggs, pancakes, and hash browns. They will also have baked goods, crafts, and a raffle. *Proceeds benefit over 80 Newman Centers in Illinois and offers college students a chance to gather and practice their Catholic faith.*

Family Life Center's 15th annual Broadway for Life fundraising event will be Saturday, Feb. 10, at Carriage House Event Center in Altamont. Deb's Catering will provide the meal for this popular dinner-theater experience. Dinner will be at 6:00pm and the show is from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Tickets are \$25 each. Call the Family Life Center at 342.5433 on Monday-Thursday between the hours of 9:00am to 5:00pm, or stop by the center at 605 Eden Ave, Effingham.

St. Rose Catholic Church, Montrose, is having their annual breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 7:00am to noon. Menu is whole hog sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, and a drink. There will be a country store, raffle, and mystery boxes. Prices are \$6.00 for a large plate and \$4.00 for a small plate.

St. Thomas Annual Soup Supper will be held on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 10:00am to 6:00pm, at the St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton. Menu is chili & vegetable soup, hot dogs, ham sandwiches, desserts, and drinks. There will also be crafts, games, cake spin, basket stand and raffles.

Holy Cross Catholic CYM are hosting a Mardi Gras Spaghetti Luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 11:00am to 1:00pm, at the Holy Cross Parish Center, Wendelin. Meal includes spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, and King Cake. There will also be a basket, dessert, and cash raffles. Proceeds from the raffles will be used for their 2018 Mission Trip. Any questions, contact Kristi Sandschafer at 994.2754.

Third Annual Butterfly Ball "Masquerade" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Keller Convention Center. There will be live and silent auctions, along with a Butterfly Raffle. There are several sponsorship opportunities to help support this fundraiser. For more information, contact Ashley Dillingham, Home Care/Hospice Marketing Specialist at 217.994.3397 or email ashley.dillingham@hshs.org. Proceeds benefit HSHS Hospice Southern Illinois.

St. Clare Catholic Church, Altamont, is hosting a Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 18, from 7:30am to 12:00pm. The menu includes sausage patties, country ham, eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, rolls, and drinks for a free-will donation.

The Effingham Unit 40 Mentoring Advisory Board will host its third annual Trivia Night on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Effingham Event Center. Doors will open at 6:00pm with the contest to begin at 7:00pm. Cost is \$200 for an eight-person team. Proceeds benefit the Effingham Unit 40 Mentoring Program. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trivia-night-rock-and-roll-hall-of-fame-tickets-40909213559?aff=ehomecard>

Come celebrate St. Valentine's Day at the Villa Maria with other dating, engaged, and married couples on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 5:30pm. Drinks, dinner, and comedy entertainment is only \$50 per couple! To register for this event, go to <http://www.dio.org/familylife/events.html>.

DeColores Spring Weekends

Say yes to a 3-day beautiful experience at Camp Walter Scott. Share inspiring talks, renew your faith, and make new friends. For more information, please call Mary Sur at 342.2003.

Men's Weekend is April 5-8. The lay leader is Steve Kidd, 618.922.9751 or olmckidd@hotmail.com.

Women's Weekend is April 12-15. The lay leader is Mary Jo Orme, 343.7312 or maryjoorme@gmail.com.

The upcoming Natural Family Planning Classes will be held on the following dates:

February 10: 2:30-4:00pm, at St. Anthony, Effingham
March 24: 9:00-10:30am, at St. Francis, Teutopolis
April 20: 6:00-7:30pm, at St. Isidore, Bishop Creek
May 4: 6:30-8:00pm, at Sacred Heart, Effingham
June 2: 10:00-11:30am, at St. Francis, Teutopolis
July 21: 9:30-11:00am, at St. Isidore, Bishop Creek
August 24: 6:00-7:30pm, at St. Anthony, Effingham
September 21: 6:30-8:00pm, at St. Francis, Teutopolis
October 20: 9:00-10:30am, at Sacred Heart, Effingham
Nov. 10: 1:00-2:30pm, at St. Isidore, Bishop Creek
To register or for more information, call Kate Pruemmer at 821.1840.

Prayer requests . . .

We ask you to please pray for those who are ill, in the hospital, nursing home, or recovering from surgery. If you would like someone included in the prayer list, please call the parish office at 347.7177. As a courtesy, please ask the person if it is okay to put their name on the prayer list as some people want to keep their health issues private.

~ Prayer List ~

Billie Tanner, Dan L. Feldhake, Larry Robards, Betty Ann Koester, Kevin Ordner, Becky Ordner, Katie Kroeger, Esther Feldhake, Alice Watson, Elliot Minor, Bill Althoff, Fred Amacher, Joseph Kade, Mary Edwards, Lisa Hightower, Paula Moore

Effingham K of C news . . .

Effingham K of C youth activities raffle concludes at the Egyptian Collectors Trade Show on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 2:00pm. 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.

The Council Spelling Bee is Saturday, Feb. 10, beginning at 1:00pm. It is open to any student who has not yet completed 8th grade. Please contact chairman Matt Poston at 217.821.9654 with any questions.

There will be a Major Degree on Sunday, March 4, at Teutopolis. If you or someone you know wants to become a member of the Knights of Columbus, please have them fill out a FORM 100 (*available in the lounge*) and get it to a Council Officer before Feb. 21 so the Admissions Committee has time to contact prospective members. This is also a chance for First Degree members to take their Second and Third Degrees.

Effingham Knights of Columbus Council #665 will again award up to eight \$500 scholarships this year. Applications will be sent to area high schools in February and the application will also be available on the Council's website at www.effinghamkc.com or you can contact Chairman Phil Koerner at philk@koernerdistributor.com.

The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- ▶ Any son or daughter of a member in good standing, or of a deceased member, or a member of Effingham Council 665, or a member of St. Nicholas Squires Circle 5651 is eligible for this scholarship.
- ▶ The student must be a current graduating senior.
- ▶ The student must not have any serious disciplinary infractions, suspensions, or attendance problems.
- ▶ The student must be academically eligible.

A scholarship applicant must submit the application form which includes certification from the school principal or counselor of grade point average and no disciplinary issues. The applicant shall also provide a list of all school, church, and volunteer activities and a 450-500 word essay. Submit application by March 9. The application form has instructions on submission of the application.

Springfield Diocese Council of Catholic Women is awarding \$500 college scholarships to four outstanding Catholic senior girls. Applications are available in the back of church and the parish office. The deadline is March 30.

Fresh flowers will be displayed by the tabernacle in memory/honor of a family or special occasion throughout the year. If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Vicki Walker at 821.6179 to schedule a date from April through the rest of the year. **This weekend, flowers are donated by Ed & Jane Kistner in memory of Jack & Charlene Kistner.**

Sunday Collection Income	28-Jan-18	Budgeted
Offering (202 Env.)	\$7,560.00	\$10,570.00
Loose	\$1,602.00	\$1,610.00
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$9,162.00	\$12,180.00
Weekly Difference		(\$3,018)
YTD Totals	\$385,616	\$393,920
YTD Difference		(\$8,304)

The 2017-2018 Annual Catholic Services Appeal "ACSA" goal for our 2017-18 ASCA is \$50,130. We invite you to direct 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 \$34,362, leaving a balance of \$15,970.** Please make a donation to help us meet our goal.



A special thank you to the Louis Feldhake family for their memorial donation for Sacred Heart School. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

This weekend, we welcome a speaker from the Newman Connection High School Outreach program. Newman Connection collects information about graduating seniors and forwards it to the campus minister at their chosen college.



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This in turn allows the campus minister the ability to reach out to the student to make the transition to college a smooth one and keep them connected to their Catholic faith. *Please support their efforts to*

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