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

I would like to thank all the parents who attended and everyone who helped coordinate the God Is Retreat last weekend. Also, to all the Confirmation students, it was great to see your faith and participation in the activities throughout the afternoon.



Thank you to the 50+ families who have invited me into their homes for a “Kolęda” visit. It has been wonderful meeting my parishioners and learning about the families of Sacred Heart Parish. I am still available to make a visit; however, with the upcoming retreat and many activities currently happening, I have just a few days open.

I am looking for a person(s) who will help us with our landscaping to trim the shrubs and trim trees. Spring is just around the corner and it would be nice to get a plan in place to spruce up our parish grounds. Please talk to me if you can help.

Please join us for Adoration on Monday, March 5, at 7:00pm, at Sacred Heart Church, and spend time in quiet prayer. Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshiping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. It is a great privilege to participate, and I hope to see you there.

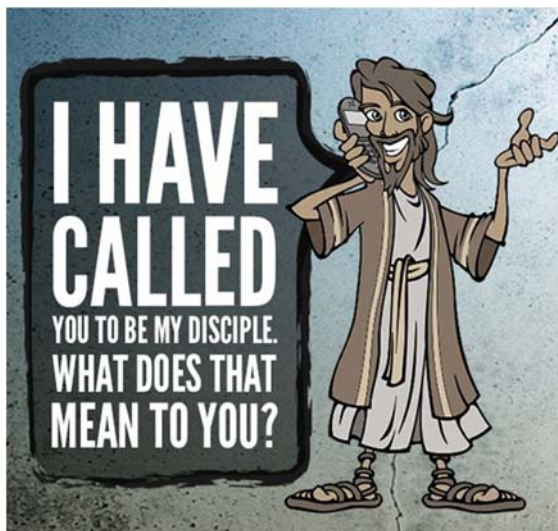
If you have not attended a 5:30pm Mass recently, I have invited individuals from DeColores and area churches to give a “witness talk”. It is great to hear them speak of their journey of faith and the inspiring messages they have shared! We hope you take this opportunity to come and listen.

Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:30pm, during Lent. Also, take home a Rice Bowl, fill it with your change, and return it to church during Holy Week.



Looking ahead to our Lenten season, on Good Friday at 12:10pm, we will have Stations of the Cross only. The Good Friday liturgy, including veneration of the cross and communion, will be celebrated at 6:00pm. This change was made to give everyone the opportunity to attend and will allow the proper amount of time and reverence to celebrate this special liturgy.

**Mark your calendar for the Sacred Heart Lenten Retreat,
“Be a Disciple from the Womb to the Tomb”, being held March 12-14.**



Jesus is calling; how will you answer? One way to say “Yes” is by attending the Sacred Heart Lenten Retreat, “Be a Disciple from the Womb to the Tomb”, being held March 12-14. Rev. Chuck Edwards of St. Anthony of Padua Parish will lead the three-night retreat. As we reflect on our spiritual life as we journey through the Lenten season, we can take a look at how we have answered the call to discipleship and stewardship in the past, and how we will in the future. On Monday, March 12, we kick off the retreat at 5:00pm with a Soup Social, “Fill your Stomach; Feed your Soul” in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Join us for homemade soups, crackers/breads, and drinks to satisfy our human hunger before feeding our spiritual hunger with Fr. Chuck’s spiritual reflection in the Church at 6:30pm. Area priests will hear confessions on Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30pm, as part of the program. Let’s pack the church for the All-Parish Mass – including Sacred Heart School and PSR students and their families – as part of the concluding presentation on Wednesday, March 14. Please note that the 8:30am Wednesday Mass will not be held this day so all can celebrate the Holy Eucharist at the 6:30pm Mass.

Sign-up sheets are in the back of church for the Mass ministries. This is one more way we can say YES!

For the last two weeks, I have addressed issues that have been brought to my attention and may need some explanation. If you have questions or comments, you can always contact me at the parish office to discuss these subjects and share your perspective of any topic. *God Bless!!* Fr. Michal Rosa

Am I a Parishioner? . . . Continued from last week

Last week, I talked about why you should become a registered member of a parish. This week, I will discuss what it means to be an active, practicing member of a parish.

In the Roman Catholic Church of the United States of America, to be considered an “active” parishioner, one must formally register in the parish, fulfill the Sabbath Commandment by attending Mass faithfully on Sundays and Holy Days, and continuously support the Mission of Christ in his/her parish by gifts of time, talent, and treasure.



The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation is a serious one. This is not merely a matter of parish policy. Divine law sets forth this expectation in the Third of the Ten Commandments: *Keep Holy the Sabbath*. This is an ordinary expectation for serious followers of Christ. Obviously, extraordinary circumstances such as sickness excuse the faithful from this obligation. Individual disregard of this Commandment projects a distancing relationship from the source of all goodness and can become a grave matter – a serious sin – for it shows a habitual disregard for God and the Church’s Life and Law.

We invite all parishioners to become involved in our parish by giving of time and talent. There are many ways one can volunteer – become a member of a parish committee or council; serve in a Mass ministry; bring Communion to the sick and home bound; sing in the choir; assist with cleaning and/or decorating the church; sell SCRIP cards; help in the church office; work a shift during our annual fish fry, picnic, or breakfast, etc. Contact the church office to learn about these and many more opportunities!



Being an active member doesn’t mean you must give a specific amount of treasure, rather, it’s about regular participation. Each parishioner has different financial constraints. We encourage equal sacrifice, not equal giving. With regards to tithing, the use of envelopes provides a record of Mass attendance which is of most importance for our spiritual health and a nourishment of our common Christian identity as the family of God. This way we also get to know who is who in our community, in terms of being beneficiaries and sharers of God’s grace and blessings. Accordingly, the use of envelopes is not primarily about money, but spiritual growth, healing, and nourishment within the context of our local spiritual family of faith.

As I have focused on the topic of discipleship in the last few weeks, I’m looking forward to hearing Fr. Chuck’s spiritual reflection “Being a Disciple from Womb to Tomb”, at our upcoming Lenten Retreat. I invite all of you to attend the retreat to learn more about how living as an intentional disciple. Please plan to join us!

As part of our 125th anniversary of Sacred Heart Parish, we are hosting a St. Patrick’s Day Bash on Saturday, March 17, in the Sacred Heart School gymnasium. Tickets are just \$18.92 (*in honor of our founding date*) and includes party favors, green beer (while supplies last), heavy hors d’oeuvres, dessert, and dancing. Doors open at 5:00pm. Irish blessing and bash kick-off at 7:00pm, with music by Firebox until 10:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at the church and school offices or in the back of church following weekend Masses.



Sacred Heart and St. Anthony Parishes present their first annual “Ladies & Lil’ Gents” on Sunday, March 18, at the Effingham Event Center. Dress in your ‘Sunday Best’ and join us for an afternoon mother/son “date”. You’ll make a craft, play games, have your photo taken, and enjoy refreshments! Pictures will be at 12:30pm. There will be Superhero-themed activities & music from 1:00pm-3:00pm. \$15 per couple; and \$5 for each additional son. Any questions, contact Michele Jenson at 342.7458 or mnj6599@yahoo.com or Jill Schultz at 821.4254 or jillschultz@ymail.com. Please return your registration sheet to the school or church office with payment by March 15. The price increases to \$20 per couple after this date.



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

Stations of the Cross

Sacred Heart Church ~ Fridays during Lent at 5:30pm
St. Anthony Church ~ Fridays during Lent at 7:00pm

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.

*Raffle chances are being sold to win a Chrome
Notebook, and the drawing will be held at
the end of the event..*

**Baptism Class will be Thursday, March 8, at
6:00pm, at Sacred Heart Parish Center.** To register,
please call Darlene at 347.7177.

**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.

School Calendar

IOWA Testing for Grades 1-8 all week
8th Grade Volleyball Regionals all week

Thursday, March 8

8:30am: Stations of the Cross @ Sacred Heart Church
4:00pm: Space Camp Committee Mtg @ workroom

Friday, March 9

4:30pm: No Fish-Fish Fry @ S.H. Parish Center

Parish Calendar Events

Monday, March 5

7:00pm: Adoration @ Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday, March 6

8:30am: Resurrection Choir @ Sacred Heart Church
7:00pm: Parish Council @ Sacred Heart Lower Level

Wednesday, March 7

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

Thursday, March 8

5:30pm: Liturgy Committee @ Sacred Heart Lower Level
6:00pm: Baptism Class @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Friday, March 9

4:30pm-7:30pm: No Fish-Fish Fry

@ Sacred Heart Parish Center

5:30pm: Stations of the Cross @ Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, March 11

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

4:00pm: Effingham Area Youth Group

@ Sacred Heart Lower Level

Readings for the Week:

Monday, March 5: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 6: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 7: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 8: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 9: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 10: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 11: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10;

Jn 3:14-21 (32)

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, March 5

7:15am: Joe & Rosa Rieman

Tuesday, March 6

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

Wednesday, March 7

8:30am: Floyd Frese

Thursday, March 8

7:15am: Living & deceased members of the John
Niehaus family

Friday, March 9

7:15am: Rita Tucker

Saturday, March 10

4:00pm (Fr. Chuck Edwards): Dorothy Wiedman

Sunday, March 11

8:30am (Fr. Chuck Edwards): Chuck & Tудie Kreke

10:30am (Fr. Chuck Edwards): For Our Parishioners

5:30pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): Lambert Flach

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

School News . . .

The students of Sacred Heart School just finished their 3rd quarter, and we cannot believe how fast time is flying this year! ***Here is a recap of what the students have been doing in their classrooms.***

Preschool students have been talking about being a friend of Jesus, and are learning about His special friends. During their recent “P” week, they wore pajamas and focused on many things beginning with P. They have also been discussing Lent and things they can do for Jesus. During February, the preschool students studied the colors pink and purple, the heart, and the number 7. They also learned about the letters O, P, Q, & R.

Kindergarten students are continuing their Lenten Journey of Love, and are talking about ways to have “hearts of love.” They have also discussed the Stations of the Cross, and how they can thank God for each day. The students wrapped up February with their annual “Clifford Week”, participating in canine races and activities, enjoying special snacks, wearing their handmade doggy ears, and wearing red! Kindergarteners have been working on writing sentences as well as learning facts about Lincoln and Washington.

Grade 1 students are busy learning about the Stations of the Cross and making a special book. During the month of February, they have studied presidents and US symbols, the loveable dog Clifford, and dental health. The first grade students are now able to add two-digit numbers and are measuring with a ruler. They are also focusing on synonyms, antonyms, and homophones. They recently finished up a chapter book, *Gooney Bird Greene*, and were inspired to write some fascinating stories of their own.

Grade 2 students are discussing the parts of the Mass and learning all about Lent. They continue to prepare for their First Communion in April! They have been working on subtraction in math and are now subtracting two-digit numbers using borrowing. In English, the students are writing letters to their friends using homophones in the sentences. They have just finished learning about our presidents, and reading *Revolutionary War on Wednesday*.

Grade 3 students recently learned about Jesus’s disciples, and what it means to follow Christ. They are continuing to work on their multiplication and division facts in math, and finished reading *The Little House on the Prairie*. They have started a writing project based on the book. The third grade students finished their biography bottle projects that included a lot of research, a Google presentation, and creating their own bottle person. The students are preparing to lead the Mass ministries at our upcoming Lenten Retreat Mass on Wednesday, March 14, at 6:30pm. They invite all parishioners to come celebrate the Eucharist with them.

Grade 4 students recently finished up their state project and presented their Powerpoints and 3D state models during the February Open House. They are now studying different areas in the United States, including the Northeastern part of the country. This past week, they took a test which included labeling each state and naming its capital and state abbreviation! In religion, the students are focusing on Lent, and made a Lenten promise as part of their faith journey with Christ. The students recently finished reading *There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom*, and followed up by doing a book summary and a fun character analysis of the book’s main character, Bradley Chalkers.

Grade 5 students are learning about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In social studies, they finished their project on United States presidents, with each student selecting a president to research and then portraying him during their report. In science, they are learning about the different states of matter and electricity. They recently completed the book, *Wonder*, by R. J. Palacio, and have had great discussions about how the character, Auggie, dealt with being bullied.

Grade 6 students are studying the four evangelists and comparing and contrasting the traits of each of them. In social studies, they are learning about MesoAmerican civilizations such as the Olmec, the Maya, and the Aztec. The sixth graders have also been contemplating the pros and cons of living forever as they read *Tuck Everlasting* in literature. The students completed an expository essay in English in which they researched a unique man-made structure.

Grade 7 students are looking forward to presenting the Living Stations at the end of Lent, and invite all parishioners to join them on Wednesday, March 28, at 1:30pm in Church. The student have recently selected the person whom they’ll represent in their “Historical Museum,” which will take place during the Spring Open House on May 3. They are eager to start their research! The class is creating “Book Talk” videos in computer class, and also learning how to solve an equation with more than one variable, but the solution is an infinite set of numbers.

Grade 8 students are busy preparing themselves for Confirmation. They just completed their Saint report, in which they chose a saint to research in order to learn more about his/her life. This saint will also be the student’s Confirmation name. After finishing the book *Wonder*, the class decided to read the sequels to get a better understanding of the lives of some of the other characters. In English, the students are working extremely hard to finish up their research projects. From diagnosing nut allergies to identifying schizophrenia, there are many science and history topics about which the 8th grade students have been researching and writing.

Community Events . . .

St. Mary's Brunch will be Sunday, March 4, from 8:00am to noon, at St. Mary's Parish Center in Ste. Marie. Menu is sausage links, ham, eggs, biscuits & sausage gravy, breads, fruit, and drink. Adults ~ \$7.00; children (4-10) ~ \$3.00; and children (3 & under) ~ free. Bake sale sponsored by their youth group.

St. Anthony Music Booster Association presents a murder-mystery dinner, on Saturday, March 10, at 5:30pm, in the St. Anthony Parish Center. Dinner & desserts provided by Salt and Strings and Homewood Grill. Tickets are \$40 per person / \$75 per couple / table of 8 for \$300. Contact Nikki Quandt at 254.0079, Denise Deters at 663.0791, or SAMBA@stanthony.com.

Effingham Knights of Columbus Council #665 will again award up to eight \$500 scholarships this year. Applications is available on the Council's website at www.effinghamkc.com or you can contact Chairman Phil Koerner at philk@koernerdistributor.com. Please 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.

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, at 618.922.9751 or olmckidd@hotmail.com.

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

A Pre-Cana workshop will be held at St. Mary's Church in Sainte Marie on March 17. There is a fee of \$50 for the day, which includes a meal and materials. To register, please go to www.stemariechurch.org for a registration form or call 618.455.3155.

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

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
To register, call Kate Pruemmer at 821.1840.

Parish Mission ~ The four parishes of Fr. Sunder Ery invites you to experience a renewal program entitled 'Simply Live!' at 7:00pm each evening at St. Michael Church in Sigel beginning on Sunday, March 4, and concluding on Wednesday, March 7. This mission is being conducted by Fr. George Knab, O.M.I., a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Everyone is invited. For more information, call the parish office at 844.3371.

Paving Paths for Peace & All Good, an evening of lessons for the 21st Century from Francis of Assisi, will be Monday, March 12, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, at St. Aloysius Parish Center, Bishop Creek. All are welcome.

Kate Weber's Bible Study "Biblical Walk through the Mass" will begin on Thursday, March 8, at 6:30pm, in the St. Anthony Parish Center. Come explore the roots of the words and gestures experienced at Mass and their profound significance. To register, please call St. Anthony Church at 347.7129.

Annual Effingham County Right to Life Rummage Sale will be Thursday, March 15, from 7:00am to 5:00pm, and Friday, March 16, from 7:00am to 2:30pm, at the Effingham Event Center. Donations of clothing, books, toys, kitchen items, bedding, and small appliances will accepted on Wednesday, March 14, from 6:00am to 5:00pm. \$3.00 bag sale all day Friday.

2nd Annual Mr. & Mrs. Jack Koester Memorial March for Life will be Sunday, March 25. Please join us for a 12:30pm prayer service in the St. Anthony Parish Center. The march will proceed through downtown Effingham and back to the parish center where lunch will be provided by the Effingham Knights of Columbus. *All are welcome.*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends offer you new tools to improve your communication. Attend a weekend on Apr. 20-22 in St. Peters, MO; and Mar. 23-25, at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL. For more information, go to their website at www.stl-wwme or call 314.649.7317.

Healing the Grieving Heart, an adult grief support program, will have their next session from March 12 through April 16, at 6:00pm, at HSHS St. Anthony's Hospital Education Center. The program consists of five sessions held on consecutive Monday evenings (no meeting on Monday, April 2). Preregistration is required. Please call 347.1529 or visit their website at www.stanthonyshospital.org.



This week, God called to Himself, one of our parishioners, Paula Moore.

Let's pray for God's mercy on her soul.
May eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen

In his message for Lent 2018, the Holy Father Pope Francis has again called for "24 Hours for the Lord" to take place from Friday, March 9, to Saturday, March 10. His Holiness intends this period to be an opportunity for "the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration." We invite all parishioners to take this opportunity to visit the St. Anthony Hospital chapel for adoration. Reconciliation will be available on Saturday, March 10, from 2:00pm to 3:45pm, at Sacred Heart Church.

Easter flower donations are being accepted in memory of a loved one. We will once again have a special dedication page in our Easter bulletin.

The Effingham Area Catholic Youth group will be going ice skating on Sunday, March 4, at the Campus Recreational Center at the U of I in Champaign, IL. We will depart from Sacred Heart Parish Center at 11:45am (after the 10:30am Mass) and return around 7:30pm to 8:00pm. A permission slip is needed to attend and can be filled out before we leave. Cost to attend is \$20, which includes: admission, skate-rental, gas, and dinner.



Mark your calendar . . . Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women are hosting their annual **Salad Supper**, on Tuesday, April 3, at 6:00pm, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. St. Anthony & St. Mary's will be joining us, so please make plans to come. Paul Rhodes from Rhodes to Health will be the guest speaker.

For inspiration during the Lenten season, listen to Catholic radio on 91.3 FM. You'll hear the daily Holy Mass, the Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call 314.752.7000.

Prayer requests . . . 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 ~

Mary Edwards, Lisa Hightower, Lorraine Lidy,
Howard Waller, Katherine Kade, Greg Lustig



Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Envelopes: \$ 8,663.00
Loose Collection: \$ 1,772.00
Total: \$ 10,435.00

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."
(1Peter 4:10)

Thank you for sharing your "Treasure" with Sacred Heart Parish

The 2017-2018 Annual Catholic Services Appeal "ACSA" goal 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. Any questions, call Mark Volk at 347.7177. To date, we have received \$38,045, leaving a balance of \$12,085.

Next week is the collection for *The Catholic Relief Services*. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and brings Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Please be generous.



It's once again time to gear up for our annual mission trip to LaPaz Bolivia to work with Sr. Ann Fearday. We will provide eye care and assess the needs of the people in Camata and Marampampa. Again, I ask for your prayers and support in order to provide the services, medicine, and equipment to make their lives a bit easier. Please mail tax-deductible donations payable to "Sacred Heart Mission Team" c/o Sacred Heart Church, P.O. Box 870, Effingham, IL 62401.

God Bless, Carol Toney

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March 4, 2018






To keep us all informed of the great things happening at Sacred Heart Parish, we provide a monthly bulletin insert with details regarding church and school news, updates on current projects and events, recaps of meetings, and much more. These "great things" will also be posted to www.sheff.org.



Great things are happening at Sacred Heart Parish!

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES AS WE WALK WITH JESUS THESE 40 DAYS

During your Lenten journey, please plan to join us for these parish events! Invite a friend or family member to join you – what a great opportunity for all of us to share faith and fellowship!

-  **Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during Lent at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart Church. Note: Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be held at 12:10pm.**
-  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place March 5 (and every first Monday of the month) at 7:00pm in Church.**
-  **Sacred Heart Parish Retreat "Be A Disciple from Womb to Tomb" will be held on March 12-14 at 6:30pm each evening in Church. Spiritual reflection will be lead by Fr. Chuck Edwards, who is the Director of Stewardship and Discipleship for the Diocese of Springfield and pastor of St. Anthony Parish.** We'll kickoff our retreat at 5:00pm on Monday, March 12, with a Soup Social in the Sacred Heart Parish Center! Join us for homemade soups, bread/crackers, to "Fill Your Stomach, Feed Your Soul." At 6:30pm, we'll gather at Church to hear Fr. Chuck. As part of Tuesday's retreat, guests will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And, at the conclusion of our retreat on Wednesday, March 14, we will celebrate a 6:30pm Mass.
-  **Join us on Friday, March 9, for the Space Camp-hosted "No Fish, Fish Fry" in the Sacred Heart Parish Center.** Serving from 4:30pm to 7:30pm with a menu that includes Cheese Pizza or Meatless Pasta, Salad, Breadstick, Drink, and Dessert. Carry-outs available! Adults: \$6.00 & Children \$4.00
-  **The Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by the Sacred Heart School 7th grade students on Wednesday, March 28, at 1:30pm in Church.** Please join us for this beautiful and moving reenactment of Jesus' last day on Earth.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BASH IS MARCH 17 ~ COME CELEBRATE!

We're excited to host a St. Patrick's Day Bash as part of our 125th anniversary celebration, and we hope you'll join us! Tickets are sold after all weekend Masses and at the Church and School offices. The event is open to the public, so please invite your family and friends.

Tickets are just \$18.92 per person, in honor of our founding year! Ticket price includes heavy hors 'doeuvres, green beer, music by Firebox, and dessert. All ticket holders will receive a free party gift! *Cash bar will be available.*

Casual attire suggested and green attire encouraged! No additional fundraisers or raffles will be held - just come and enjoy a slew of fun!

Contact Christy at 347.7177 if you have questions or need more info.

St. Patrick's Day BASH

Saturday, March 17
Sacred Heart School Gymnasium

407 S. Henrietta Street, Effingham

- 5pm Doors Open with Green Beer & Light Hors D'oeuvres Served
- 6pm Heavy Hors D'oeuvres Served
- 7pm Irish Blessing & Bash Kick-Off
- 7-10pm Music by FIREBOX - Bluegrass with a Scottish/Irish Flair!



Tickets \$18.92^{ea}
in honor of our founding year!
Open to the Public!
Purchase tickets at Sacred Heart Church or School Office.

Free party gift to all attendees!
Casual attire suggested & green attire encouraged.



Leave your 'nickels & dimes' at home!
No raffles nor fundraisers - Just a slew of fun!
Cash bar will be available.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS CELEBRATE SUCCESSES

Sacred Heart School's 8th grade volleyball team recently took 2nd place in the NTC tournament held in Windsor. Congratulations ladies! We wish them good luck in their upcoming regional play in West Salem. The team is seated #2, and hopes to advance to sectional play!



Congratulations to the Sacred Heart School 5th grade boys basketball team for taking 1st place in their recent 5th grade Shamrock tourney!



And congratulations also goes to the 6th grade team for taking 2nd place in the 6th grade bracket of that same tournament!

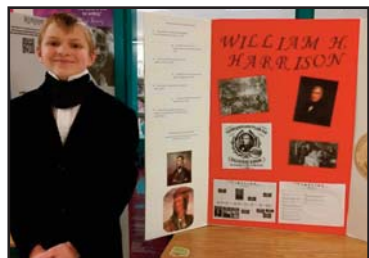


These boys have done a tremendous job of growing and learning this season, and their skills have improved greatly!

SHS STUDENTS' ARTWORK SELECTED FOR ART GUILD EXHIBIT

The annual Effingham Art Guild Children's Art Show will be held March 15-18 at the Suzette Brumleve Public Library. Over 50 pieces of art work from Sacred Heart School 4-8 grade students were selected for the exhibit! We invite you to visit the library and see the wonderful work our students have created. The times for the exhibit are: Thursday, March 15, from 12pm-8pm; Friday, March 16, from 9am-6pm; and Saturday, March 17, from 9am-3pm. A reception and awards presentation will take place from 2-3pm on March 17. *Way to go Shamrocks!*

FROM STATE PROJECTS TO PRESIDENTS AND FAMOUS PERSONS, SHS STUDENTS PRESENT SCHOOL PROJECTS TO THEIR PEERS AND VISITORS



February was a busy month for the students at Sacred Heart School! In Mrs. Bloemker's 3rd grade class each student researched a person who has accomplished great things in his/her life. They created a PowerPoint with a bottle person, and gave presentations to their peers, their families, and to guests, at our recent Open House. The 4th graders presented their state projects which also included a PowerPoint and 3D state model. And in the 5th grade classroom, students chose a president whom they researched and personified during the Open House. These types of projects – like many others at Sacred Heart School – are a great opportunity to integrate technology and hands-on learning to truly engage students in education!

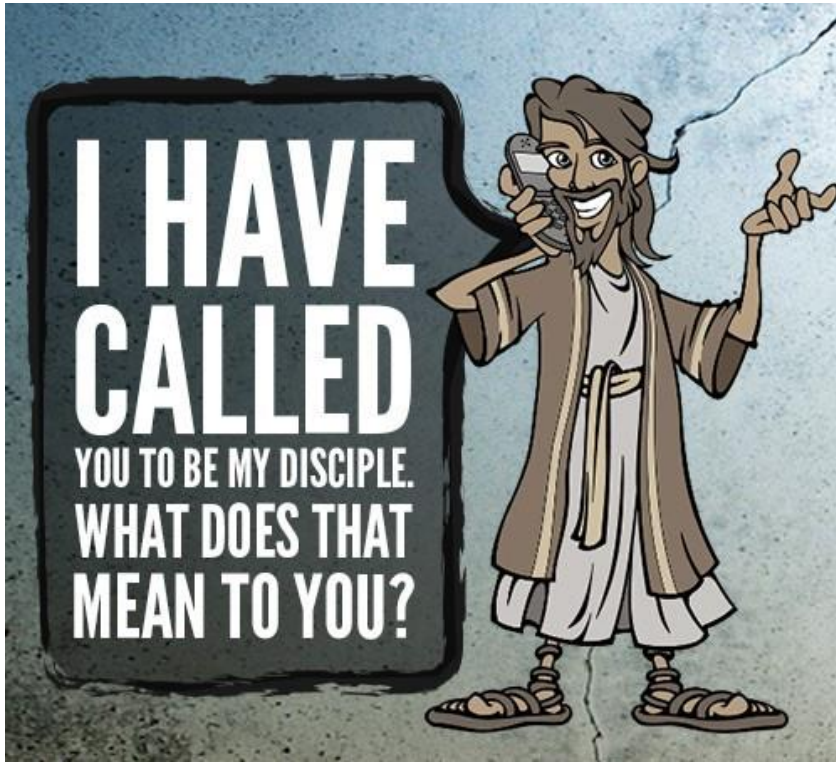


THANK YOU WOODMEN LIFE!

Special thanks to the Woodmen Life organization (including Doris Verdeyen, Doris Probst, Shari Goldstein, and Vickie Esker) who recently presented a donation to Sacred Heart School! Their group gives back to the Effingham community, and they delivered to us many new playground balls, paper, crayons, glue, and more. We are so grateful to them and to all those who support SHS!



SACRED HEART LENTEN RETREAT MARCH 12-14, 2018



Be a Disciple From the Womb to the Tomb

PRESENTED BY
Fr. Chuck Edwards

Monday, March 12th

5:00 pm in Parish Center:

6:30 pm in Church:

Soup & Social "Fill Your Stomach, Feed Your Soul"

Spiritual reflection (No Mass will be held)

Tuesday, March 13th

6:30 pm in Church:

Spiritual reflection (No Mass will be held)

Individual Confession

Wednesday, March 14th

6:30 pm in Church:

**All Parish Mass – we invite your entire family to join us
for the closing Mass**

*Please Note: No 8:30 am school Mass will be held this day so that students and families may attend the conclusion of the Lenten Retreat. PSR students and families are also encouraged to attend the Mass in place of class that evening.



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