

## Padre's Point of View . . .

As you know, I have been writing about the Mass in this "Point of View". At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest holds us the Consecrated Host and Chalice and says or sings: "Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, O God Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, for ever and ever." And the people respond, "Amen." This prayer is a beautiful expression of how the prayer and Mass is offered. It is through, with, and in Jesus that the prayer is made. The prayer at Mass is directed to God the Father. We can make the prayer to God the Father because of the Holy Spirit who unites us to God. When you say, "Amen", you are saying "Yes, I believe that to be so!"



## Men doing manly stuff . . .

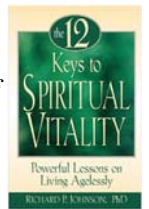
Prepare your best dish and come hungry to the Advent Tailgate Party on Friday, December 16, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, at the St. Anthony Church parking lot.

Several members of our Sacred Heart Parish choir, along with Sr. Rene, will be singing with Sandi Patty at her "Christmas Blessings" concert at the Effingham Performance Center (EPC) on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:00pm. Call the EPC at 800.745.3000 to get your tickets for a full evening of music.

Parish Advent Reconciliation will be Sunday, December 18, at 3:00pm, in St. Anthony Church. Also, there is reconciliation at Sacred Heart at 3:00pm on Saturdays and prior to all weekday Masses.

## 12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality group meet on Tuesdays at 3:30pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

On Dec. 6, the topic will be "Let go of anger and other inner turmoil". *The degree to which we feel peace of mind and a sense of God's love in our heart.*



## Immaculate Conception Masses . . .

**Sacred Heart Church: Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:15am, 8:30am, and 7:00pm.**

A ministry signup sheet for the 7:00pm Mass is in the back of church.

**St. Anthony Church:** Wednesday, Dec. 7 @ 6:30pm;

Thursday, Dec. 8: 6:30am, 8:30am, 12:10pm

**St. Mary's Church, Shumway:** Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:00pm

F.A.C.E. letters are in the back of church. If you sponsor a child, please pick up your letter.

Envelopes are included in your December packets for Christmas flowers & 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.

Sacred Heart Parish has finalized its Mass schedules for Christmas. For those who participate in ministries, we need your help at these Masses. Ministry sign up sheets are in the back of church, and we ask you to sign up for the Mass(es) that you'll be attending. Thank you!

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Eve Masses, December 24:

4:00pm, 7:30pm (Incense free)

Christmas Day Masses, December 25:

Midnight, 9:30am, and Misa en Español at 5:00pm

#### St. Anthony Church

Christmas Eve, December 24:

4:30pm, 7:00pm

Christmas Day, December 25:

Midnight, 8:00am & 10:00am (Incense free)

#### St. Mary, Shumway Church

Christmas Eve, December 24: 5:30pm

Christmas Day, December 25: Midnight (Latin Mass), 8:30am



### Rest in Peace

We extend our sympathy to the family & friends of Eleanor C. Kaperak

## Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

### Monday, December 5

7:15am: Harry Bierman, Fr. Victor Kingery

### Tuesday, December 6

7:15am: Ralph Pike

### Wednesday, December 7

7:15am: Bill Dasenbrock Sr. family

### Thursday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

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

8:30am: Robert Waitkus

7:00pm: Pedro Alvarado

### Friday, December 9

7:15am: Philip Kortte

### Saturday, December 10

4:00pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): Mary Baker

### Sunday, December 11

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

10:30am (Fr. Robert Spriggs): For Our Parishioners

5:30pm (Fr. Chris Brey): Dorothy Kade

7:00pm Spanish "Lady of Guadalupe" Mass (Fr. Chris Brey): For our deacons

### Sacred Heart Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday: 7:15am

Wednesday: 8:30am (school year)

### 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. Anthony High School Mass

Thursdays: 7:00am in the High School Chapel  
(Subject to change ~ check with SAHS)

### St. Mary's, Shumway Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 5:30pm; Sunday: 8:30am

### Readings for the Week:

Monday, Dec. 5: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, Dec. 8: Gn 3:9-15, 20;

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday, Dec. 9: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, Dec. 10: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11;

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, Dec. 11: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10;

Mt 11:2-11

**Baptism Class** will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6:00pm, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Call Darlene at 347.7177 to register.

### PRE-CANA Workshop

#### St. Francis Church, Teutopolis

Sunday, January 29, 2017 ~ Call 217.857.6404

#### St. Mary Church, Ste. Marie

Saturday, March 18, 2017 ~ Call 618.455.3155

**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 or gift bags to the parish office. Suitable items include soaps, lotions, perfume/cologne, air fresheners, socks, slippers, handkerchiefs, small afghans, small religious picture, statue, picture frame, doily, or basic essentials for everyday use. If you prefer to make a cash donation, place money in an envelope marked "Advent Angels." Return gift bags or items to church by Dec. 12.

**Son Rise Men's Group meet at St. Anthony Parish Center for a hot breakfast and a program.** The breakfast is at 6:15am and the program is at 6:30am.

### Parish Calendar Events

#### Tuesday, December 6

10:00am: Resurrection Choir Brunch

3:30pm: Spiritual Vitality Meeting @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

6:00pm: CCW Christmas Party @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

#### Wednesday, December 7

6:00pm: Bible Study @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

6:00pm: Parish Choir @ Sacred Heart Church

#### Thursday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

6:00pm: Finance Council @ Sacred Heart lower level

#### Sunday, December 11

6:30pm: Effingham Area Youth Group @ Sacred Heart Church

**Sacred Heart CCW Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 6:00pm, at the Sacred Heart Parish Center.** Bring your favorite dish; meat will be provided. You are invited to bring an item for the silent auction with proceeds to benefit families in need of assistance. Jamie Stang will do a presentation about Stang Arts and the basics of painting. *It is a great evening of fun and fellowship. All ladies of the parish are invited.*

**A special "Lady of Guadalupe" Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 7:00pm, at Sacred Heart Church, with a special dance group performing prior to Mass.** Immediately following the Mass, there will a social gathering in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. *Everyone is welcome.*



**Bus Trip to "Way of Lights" at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows will be Thursday, December 15.** The bus will leave Sacred Heart parking lot at 3:30pm and return at approx. 10:30pm. Ride the family bus or the 50+ bus and enjoy the Christmas spirit. \$30.00 per adult; \$20.00 per child under 12 including a buffet (*reservations are required*). Call Darlene at 347.7177 to reserve your seats.

### ~ 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, Beth Upton, Lillian Nolan, Catherine Began, Lydia Hemrich, Rosie Myers, Caroline Hoene, Barbara Jansen, Brandon Wurl, Mary Ellen Eversman, Debbie Myers, Carolyn Poe, Emily McCabe, Harold Poe, Gertrude Alldredge, Eric Hartke, Katie Kroeger, Dolores Kingery, Cathy Swingler, Nikki (Dust) Szymonik, Mike Ritchie, Jack Richardson, Travis Miller, Tom Pruemmer, Greg Schaefer, Mary Edwards, Craig Lindvahl, Cathy Hayes, Fred Amacher, Kevin Ordner, Elizabeth Weidner, Wm. "Bill" Dasenbrock, Fr. Ron Hilt, Jesse Kettman, Dorothy Levitt, Jill Quandt, Lois Emmerich, Gloria Ellis, Sandy McDevitt, Esther & Lou Feldhake, Bill McDevitt, Daniel Hoeffft, Brian Wirth, Richard Herzing, Rita Marie Hunnicut, Mike Tegeler, Ron Caron, Cheryl Woodard, Chris Debolt, Bob Bushur, David Ordner, Rodney Raber, Carolyn Westendorf, Steve Schniederjan, Jerry Ludwig, Shawn Bourland, Dan Feldhake, Rex Easton, Carol Utz, Bill Meyers, Betty Brown, Eva Applegate, Sam Stitz

**Family Life Center ornaments** are available on the Christmas tree displayed in the baptistery area. We ask for a minimum donation of \$5. Donations can be placed in the envelopes by the tree and dropped in the collection. If you prefer to donate a “baby item” such as sleepers, diapers, lotions, socks, layettes, etc. for the Family Life Center’s new mother program, please place items under the tree.

**Effingham Ministerial Association is sponsoring the annual Christmas Day Dinner at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, on December 25, at 11:30am.** To volunteer your time to help, call 347.5569. If you can help financially, please make checks payable to the Effingham Ministerial Association and send it to the treasurer, Roger Marshall, c/o First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 306, Effingham, IL 62401. This is a free dinner and open to all. If you would like to come to the dinner or volunteer, please call the Senior Citizen Center at 347.5569 to make your reservations by Dec. 22. Please let them know if you will need a ride.

**Effingham County Christmas Store**  
**Join Sacred Heart Parish in assisting the Effingham County Fish & Catholic Charities Christmas Store 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. 6.

**Effingham County Christmas Store needs your help to fill the semi during the X & KJ-Athon on Wednesday, December 7, 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”.

***Christmas Store volunteers needed . . .***

Dec. 8: Volunteers, especially those with pickup trucks or trailers, are needed to help load and transport stored items to the Agracel Building (2201 Willenborg St). Set-up will begin afterwards for those interested in staying to help.

Dec. 9 & 10: Store set-up from 9:00am to 6:00pm.

Dec. 11-14: Volunteers needed to help with tables and shopping. Lunch will be provided. Dates & times are: Sunday from 1:00pm to 5:00pm; Monday & Tuesday from 9:00am to 5:00pm; Wednesday from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Dec. 15: Tear down from 9:00am to completion.

Any questions, call Molly Bushue at 217.254.0777 or send an email to MollyBushue@gmail.com.

**As we celebrate Advent, you are encouraged to take home the books/pamphlets available in the back of church.** The books and pamphlets include daily prayers, Catholic Devotions, and guidance through this Advent season. Please take one home and allow time to pray and prepare spiritually for Christmas.

***Experience the joy of Advent with adult coloring books!*** You are invited to St. Anthony Parish Center, on Friday, December 9 & 16, from 9:00am until noon, to color an Advent picture for our residents in area nursing homes and memory centers. Books and supplies will be provided! Breakfast rolls, juice, & coffee will be served.

***Effingham K of C News . . .***

**Children’s Christmas party will be Thursday, Dec. 8, with doors opening at 6:00pm.** Santa Claus will arrive shortly thereafter. There will be games and refreshments prior to and during Santa’s visit. Also, there will be door prizes, including a drawing for a girls and a boys bicycle.

**Adult Christmas party will be Sunday, Dec. 18, with doors opening at 12:00pm.** The social hour will be from 12:00pm to 1:00pm with the meal being 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 will again have the “Keep Christ in Christmas” posters on display.

**St. Nicholas Circle 5651 Columbian Squires** conducted an Investiture of new members which includes Will Fearday, Calvin Sudkamp, and Luke Johnson. If you have any friends, sons, nephews, and grandsons interested in joining, please call Chief Squire Drew Doedtman at 217.821-2446.

**A youth activities raffle fundraiser is in progress.** Proceeds will be given to various youth programs such as the Coats for Kids, contest awards, Columbian Squires Circle and Boy/Cub Scouts. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 with only 1000 printed. First prize will be the winner’s choice of 1 of 2 firearms or \$500. Second prize will be the winner’s choice of 1 of 2 firearms or \$250 – or the prize can be a credit to the firearm of your choice. A valid FOID card is required to claim a firearm. The drawing is at 2:00pm on Sunday, Feb. 5, at the Egyptian Collectors Trade Show. *The winner does not need to be present.* Call Greg Koester at 217.821.7731 to buy tickets or if you want tickets to sell.

**The Effingham Knights of Columbus has been presented the Star Council Award.** This award is presented to Councils who have achieved their membership and fraternal benefit goals and have implemented various programs and activities to help the council, church, and community.

## School News . . .

Sacred Heart students will host their annual Christmas program “All About That Baby” on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 6:30pm, in the SHS gym. The band will perform at 6:15pm. If you are not able to attend the evening performance, you may attend the dress rehearsal on Monday, December 12, at 1:00pm.

**Technology Raffle is well underway!** Purchase a \$25 raffle ticket for your chance to win \$5,000 CASH! Tickets are available in the church and school offices, after weekend Masses, and from SHS students (PreK-8), and at upcoming parish events. Only 450 tickets have been sold, and we hope to sell 1,000 tickets! *As an added bonus – the Sacred Heart School student selling the grand prize ticket will win an iPad Mini!* The grand prize winner will be selected on Dec. 13, immediately following our SHS Christmas program.

**Boys Basketball at Sacred Heart has begun.** The players are:

(8th grade) Trey B., Collin H., Dylan H., Aidan L., Luke S., Noah T., Logan W., and Caden W.;

(7th grade) Joel B., Tyler F., Colton F., Gavin S., Karson P., and Jonathon Z.;

(6th grade) Brandon H., Dawson L., Josh M., Aidan T., and Nicholas W.

**ALERTNOW** will send out weather-related messages on any answering machine or voicemail to school parents. It will only call the first number you provided, unless it is a crisis situation. If your phone number changes, please notify the school office.

### School Calendar

#### Wednesday, December 7

10:00am: Gr. 3 & 4 goes to Effingham Performance Center

11:50am: Dismissal - Half-Day School (no lunch served)

6:00pm: PTA meeting @ Lonestar

#### Thursday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

8:30am: Mass @ Sacred Heart Church

**Scrip Cards** will be sold after all weekend Masses in December and in the parish office Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 1:00pm, or at Baseball Card Connection. 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?* Please consider giving the gift that everyone loves ~ scrip cards. 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](http://www.sheff.org) to see a full listing.

## *Keeping in touch over the holidays:*

### **Rev. Brian Alford**

c/o Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
524 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, IL 62703

### **Rev. Al Allen, c/o St. Cecilia Parish**

155 North Main Street, Glen Carbon, IL 62034

### **Rev. Dan Bergbower, c/o St. Mary’s Church**

1802 Madison Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025

### **Rev. Sunder Ery, c/o St. Michael Church**

P.O. Box 68, Sigel, IL 62462

### **Rev. Jeff Goeckner, c/o St. Boniface Church**

P.O. Box 423, Edwardsville, IL 62025

### **Rev. Paul Habing, c/o St. Elizabeth Parish**

P.O. Box 457, Marine, IL 62061

### **Rev. Ronald Hilt, c/o St. Mary’s Church**

528 N. Main, P.O. Box 577, Paris, IL 61944

### **Very Rev. David Hoefler**

1615 West Washington St., Springfield, IL 62702

### **Rev. Carl Schmidt**

509 N. Main St., Effingham, IL 62401

### **Rev. Marty Smith**

c/o Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
524 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, IL 62703

### **Rev. Robert Spriggs**

2222 East 200 North Rd, Shumway, IL 62461

### **Msgr. Kenneth Steffen, c/o Ss Peter & Paul Parish**

717 State Street, Alton, IL 62002

### **Rev. Ralph Zetzl, c/o St. Anthony Hospital**

503 N. Maple St., Effingham, IL 62401

## **Seminarians in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

*Addresses for several of our local seminarians . . .*

### **Deacon Rafal Pyrchla**

Sacred Heart Church

405 S. Henrietta, Effingham, IL 62401

### **Robert Johnson, Deacon Wayne Stock**

Mundelein Seminary

1000 East Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060

### **Chris Trummer, Troy Niemerg**

Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary

2500 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222

### **Dominic Vahling, Michael Meinhart,**

**Michael Trummer**

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

5200 Glennon Drive, St. Louis, MO 63119

### **Deacon Michael Friedel**

c/o Diocese of Springfield, Vocations Office  
1615 West Washington St., Springfield, IL 62702

**The students in grades 3-8 are getting ready to have the Elks Hoop Shoot contest.** The winners for each age group will compete on Saturday, Dec. 10. The age groups for both boys and girls are: 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13. The age cut-off is April 1, 2017.

**Community Events . . .**

**Ladies of St. Anthony Church, Effingham are hosting a Holiday Cookie/Candy Sale on Saturday, Dec 3, until 7:00pm, and Sunday, Dec. 4, from 7:00am to 1:00pm, in the St. Anthony Parish Center.** There will be a wonderful array of cookies, snack mixes, candies, fudge, along with holiday breads and coffee cakes. Stock up on delicious holiday treats for your family and guests.

**Chiara Center will host the Franciscan Nativity Festival on Sunday, Dec. 4 from noon to 4:00pm.** This is free and open to the public. The festival features more than 100 nativity sets, many of which are new entries to the annual festival. Chiara Center is located at 4875 LaVerna Road, Springfield, IL, 62707. Additional information available at [www.chiaracenter.org](http://www.chiaracenter.org).

**St. Isidore Parish's Christmas Walk will be Sunday, December 4, with proceeds to benefit the Crisis Nursery of Effingham County.** Featured locations are Chris & Tina Schmidt home, Matt & Candace Brummer home, and the Beehive Boutique. They will be open from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. The Dieterich's Immaculate Conception Hall will be open from 12:30pm to 5:30pm, featuring vintage nursery display with handmade quilts, live music, raffle items, and refreshments. Ticket price is \$10 per adult; \$5.00 children (8-12 years old). Tickets can be purchased the day of the walk at any of the locations. There will also be a Christmas quilt raffle with proceeds going to Operation Santa for military personnel. *Come & enjoy the Christmas Spirit.*

**The Cross at the Crossroads will host a Christmas Open House on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2:00-4:00pm at the Cross Welcome Center.** Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

Stop in anytime between 2:00-4:00pm for a variety of family-friendly activities, including:

- \* Nativity scenes from around the world
- \* Live Christmas music from FACE Orchestra and Choir
- \* Free refreshments
- \* Free "make & take" Christmas craft projects
- \* Door Prizes

**Advent Evensong will be Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4:00pm, at Holy Cross Church, in Wendelin.** There will be a candlelight service with Scripture, Organ, English Carols, & Austrian Christmas music, sung in German, by the Wendelin Kloepfen singers. Refreshments to be served afterwards in the Holy Cross Parish Center. All are welcome.

**HSHS St. Anthony's Foundation is hosting a "Glow-Inga" on Saturday, January 14, at the Keller Convention Center.** Pre-sale tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets are limited, so please contact 217.994.3158 or [glow-inga2017@hshs.org](mailto:glow-inga2017@hshs.org) to get your tickets now.

**March for Life 2017 Diocesan Pilgrimage** in Washington, DC will be held Jan. 25–29. The trip includes the March for Life demonstration parade, visits to our members of Congress, free time to explore downtown Washington, DC, and a visit to Gettysburg National Military Park. Details are on the diocesan website at [www.dio.org/youthministry/mfl](http://www.dio.org/youthministry/mfl) or contact Kyle Holtgrave, Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry Director, at 217.698.8500, ext. 154.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Effingham County** is going strong with community and school-based programs at Central School and Altamont Grade School. Wish list items are small stickers, craft glue, craft supplies, board games, legos, table-top games, and volunteers. Contact Beth Florido at 540.1413 for information.

**King's House Retreat and Renewal Center is nestled in 47 quiet, wooded acres in Belleville, IL.** They are sponsored by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. People of all faith traditions are welcomed with warm hospitality and opportunity for spiritual and personal growth. They have released their 2017 retreat schedule and invite you to take time away from your busy life to pray, rest, and reflect on your relationship with God. Retreats include inspirational conferences, prayer, and the opportunity to talk with their qualified staff. For more information, call 618.397.0584 or 800.779.7909 or online at [www.KingsRetreatCenter.org](http://www.KingsRetreatCenter.org).

**HSHS Hospice Southern Illinois** exists to bring peace, comfort, and dignity to patients on their last days of life by making him/her as physically, emotionally, and spiritually comfortable as possible. They are needing volunteers in the areas of home care, clerical, bereavement, and spiritual care to help them in their mission. Complete training to become a hospice volunteer is available free of charge. For more information, call 347.1777. *Consider being a volunteer!*



**Images show us the way.** Isaiah's image – new sprout from an old stump. From Jesse's stump (the father of King David) comes Jesse's flower (Jesus the Christ). Matthew's image – it hints at new people from baptismal waters. From the font comes new Christians bathed in Christ, clothed in Christ, and illumined by Christ. Like Christ and claimed by him. On this Second Sunday of Advent – as we wait for Christ to come again – John the Baptizer does not mince words. Behavior is far more important than pedigree, than lineage, than ancestors. We are called to live in faithful harmony, to be the brood of the baptized.

- ◆ *How will I "be justice" this week, giving to others what they are due?*
- ◆ *How will I be faithful?*
- ◆ *How will I do what is right?*

The Financial Corner 2016-2017			
Income	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget	Total Budget
	Jul 1 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Jun 30
Offering	\$184,283.00	\$180,195.00	\$534,725.00
Loose	\$26,978.18	\$26,814.00	\$79,570.00
Holy Days	\$658.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
Other	\$51,410.47	\$43,500.00	\$112,500.00
Tuition & Fees	\$296,287.64	\$281,600.00	\$501,340.00
Parish Org.	\$40,560.27	\$55,000.00	\$157,000.00
Fundraisers	\$45,157.09	\$47,100.00	\$270,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$645,334.65</b>	<b>\$634,209.00</b>	<b>\$1,673,135.00</b>
Expenses	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget	Total Budget
	Jul 1 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Jun 30
Salaries & Benefits	\$383,930.44	\$400,717.78	\$1,228,263.38
Utilities	\$26,445.23	\$21,700.00	\$65,080.00
Insurance (P & L)	\$26,214.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
Repairs & Maint.	\$20,017.08	\$14,900.00	\$44,800.00
Supplies	\$43,894.76	\$33,300.00	\$80,000.00
Parish Org.	\$14,891.79	\$39,345.00	\$131,150.00
Other	\$36,578.97	\$40,100.00	\$122,300.00
Fundraisers	\$24,291.68	\$25,000.00	\$45,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$576,263.95</b>	<b>\$601,062.78</b>	<b>\$1,742,593.38</b>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$69,070.70</b>	<b>\$33,146.22</b>	<b>(\$69,458.38)</b>

Sunday Collection Income	27-Nov-16	Budgeted	
Offering ( 209 Env.)	\$9,192.00	\$10,255.00	
Loose	\$1,501.00	\$1,526.00	
Holy Days	\$30.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,723.00</b>	<b>\$11,781.00</b>	
Diocesan-Other Collections	Received & Not Yet Sent	Collected & Paid Out	YTD Total Collected
Catholic Times	\$354.50	\$4,013.50	\$4,368.00
Peter's Pence	\$0.00	\$42.00	\$42.00
Mission CO-OP	\$0.00	\$1,600.71	\$1,600.71
Flood Victims	\$0.00	\$2,597.92	\$2,597.92
Retired Religious	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Children's Home	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Catholic Charities	\$418.00	\$0.00	\$418.00
World Mission	\$25.00	\$669.00	\$694.00
Retired Dio Priest	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Justice & Hope	\$336.00	\$0.00	\$336.00
Cemetery Fund	\$2,126.00	\$0.00	\$2,126.00
FACE program	\$645.00	\$2,980.00	\$3,625.00
Mission Trip	\$10,100.00	\$0.00	\$10,100.00
Bolivia Mission	\$553.00	\$2,658.00	\$3,211.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$14,587.50</b>	<b>\$14,561.13</b>	<b>\$29,148.63</b>

The programs, services, & ministries supported by the **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** meet the larger diocesan needs of Catholics and others in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

**Sacred Heart Parish ACSA goal for 2016-17 is \$48,944.**

**To date, \$18,088 has been collected.**

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. Any questions, call Mark Volk at 347.7177.

**Thank you for your contributions to the annual Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH).** Your generosity brings hope to people in our diocese living in poverty. For information about how groups and organizations can apply for a DCJH grant, please call 217.698.8500, ext. 168, or email or visit us at [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org).

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**End of year giving:** It's that time of year when many people are looking for a good opportunity to donate to their church, school, or favorite charity and then itemize those donations on their taxes. Tax-deductible donations to Sacred Heart Parish can be made through Dec. 31, 2016, to be included on 2016 contributions.

Because of a law made permanent last December, seniors age 70 ½ and older may donate up to \$100,000 from their IRA's directly to Sacred Heart Church or School. The contribution counts toward your required minimum distribution and isn't included in your adjusted gross income (AGI). This could qualify you for tax breaks tied to your AGI and reduce or eliminate taxes on your Social Security benefits. Although you can transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA, even smaller donations will lower your AGI. This is a useful tax break for seniors who no longer have enough deductions to itemize. It's a "win-win" situation for both parties! Please speak to your financial advisor or contact Christy or Mark at 217.347.7177 for more information.

**Please support the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.** *Your donations works for aging religious. Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more.*