

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

This Sunday, please pray for the parents of our 2nd grade First Communion & 8th grade Confirmation students from Sacred Heart, St. Anthony, and St. Mary's Parishes who will be attending a God Is! Retreat at St. Anthony Parish. The retreat will begin at noon and conclude with benediction at 4:00pm. There will be informative talks, prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will be provided.

We welcome back the St. Hildegard Von Bingen Schola singers at the 5:30pm Mass this weekend. We appreciate these young ladies for enhancing our Eucharistic liturgy.

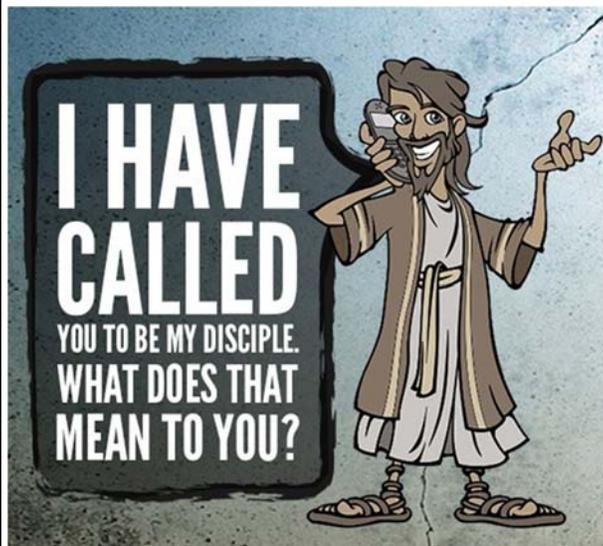
During this Lenten season, I have invited individuals from DeColores and area churches to give a "witness talk" at the 5:30pm Mass immediately after communion. It is a great testimony on their faith journey and I hope they inspire you!

Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:30pm, during Lent. Also, pick up your free copy of "Draw me unto Thee" which includes daily prayers for Lent, and please take home a Rice Bowl.

During this Lenten season, I want let you know that the confessional lights have been enhanced and placed in two different locations so that you can tell when another confessor is occupying the room. A special thank you to Sandschafer Electric for their assistance.



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



We welcome Rev. Chuck Edwards of St. Anthony of Padua Parish to lead our retreat. As we journey through this Lenten season, we want to be mindful of our call to discipleship throughout our lives. 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 religious hunger with Fr. Chuck's spiritual reflection in the Church at 6:30pm. There will be area priests visiting on Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30pm, as the opportunity for confession is part of the program. The concluding presentation on Wednesday, March 14, is part of an all-parish Mass, including Sacred Heart School and PSR students and their families. The usual 8:30am Wednesday Mass will not be held this day so all can plan to celebrate the Holy Eucharist at the 6:30pm evening Mass.

Sign-up sheets are in the back of church for the Mass ministries. We'd love to see you and your help is appreciated!

**Sacred Heart Fish Fry**

Sacred Heart Parish Center

**Friday, 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

All parishioners are asked to bring desserts.

**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.

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**For the next several weeks, I am going to address issues that have been brought to my attention and may need some explanation.** If you have questions, 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 what it means to be a member of a particular parish. This week, I'm focusing on WHY you should become a registered member of a parish.

Registration is the official way that we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular church they would automatically be a member. Membership however, requires signing up and formally enrolling yourself in the parish. It is however also more than just completing some forms. Registration is a *commitment to a community*, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of a parish.



Committing to a parish is much like a commitment to a family, sports team, school, or community organization. Just as you expect the parish to be there to provide Masses, Sacraments, education programs, and ministries, the parish needs to be able to count on you to be an active member which includes assisting in their mission, supporting the parish with gifts of time, talent, and treasure.



Registration not only shows you belong to the parish community, but is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, participating in religious education programs, etc. In addition, your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers are used to determine how many priests are assigned to a parish, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how many Masses and programs are planned and scheduled.

***Are you registered with us?*** One way to know is if you receive regular communication from us, such as offertory envelopes, newsletters, or emails. If you do not receive at least one of these, then perhaps you are not registered at Sacred Heart Parish, and you should check with the parish office to be sure.

*Stay tuned for more on this subject in next week's bulletin.*

**~ 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.

We are blessed and grateful to have received a letter from Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki with his permission to work with our hired architect to develop preliminary plans and specifications for the restoration, as well as to move forward with a capital campaign using Walsh & Associates. Thank you for your prayers and support as we work to restore the Church! We will be meeting with Greg Fleck, Diocesan Director for the Office of Property, Building & Cemeteries, in late March to present such plans for his review and recommendations. Once we receive renderings of our plans and a timeline for the capital campaign, we will be sharing them with you via the bulletin and in a town-hall meeting. Stay tuned!

*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.**

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### 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



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.

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).

Public Skate is from 1:30-4:00pm. We will stop at Monical's Pizza in Tuscola for dinner and will return to Sacred Heart Parish around 7:30-8:00pm. 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 money, and dinner. To sign up, contact Katalyn Miller at kmiller@stanthony.com or call 347.7129.



### Parish Calendar Events

#### Wednesday, Feb. 28

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

#### Friday, March 2

4:30pm-7:30pm: Fish Fry @ Sacred Heart Parish Center  
5:30pm: Stations of the Cross @ Sacred Heart Church

#### Sunday, March 4

10:30am: Sunday School @ Sacred Heart Lower Level  
11:45am: Effingham Area Youth Group Ice Skating @ U of I Ice Rink, Champaign, IL

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.

### Readings for the Week:

Monday, Feb. 26: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday, Feb. 27: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday, Feb. 28: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday, March 1: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31  
Friday, March 2: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43; 45-46  
Saturday, March 3: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Sunday, March 4: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25;

### Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

#### Monday, Feb. 26

7:15am: Mary Pike

#### Tuesday, Feb. 27

7:15am: John Westfall

#### Wednesday, Feb. 28

8:30am: Rebekah Volk

#### Thursday, March 1

7:15am: Dorothy Kozlow

#### Friday, March 2

7:15am: Lawrence Will

#### Saturday, March 3

4:00pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): Malinda Burrell

#### Sunday, March 4

8:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): For Our Parishioners

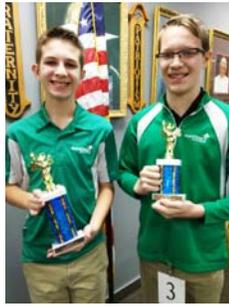
10:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): Hayley Stodden

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

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

## School News . . .

Congratulations to Matthew H. for placing 2nd and Eric D. placing 3rd in the Effingham area Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. They will continue in the district-level K of C Spelling Bee in March. *We are very proud of you and good luck!!*



**Thank you to everyone who donates Coke caps/lids and enters points for Sacred Heart School.** This past week, we received a check for \$1,087.62 for the last quarter. After caps are entered, they are donated to make park benches, so again recycled for a great purpose.

**Drive 4 UR School!!** We want to thank Northside Ford for their check of \$3,040 for the participation in their Drive 4 UR School promotion. Proceeds will be used for technology. A special thank you to the parents, grandparents, family, and friends who test drove Ford vehicles this past fall. Students in grades 4 & 8 enjoyed a pizza lunch for having the highest percentage of drivers who participated.

**Thank you to Schumacher Orthodontics for the donation of \$300.** Dr. Schumacher makes a donation each year based on the number of new patients from Sacred Heart School. *Thank you Schumacher Orthodontics!*



**Track is open to students in grades 6-8 with the first practice to be Monday, Feb. 26, from 3:00pm-5:00pm, at Sacred Heart.** A parent meeting will start at 5:00pm following practice.

**Clubhouse Help Wanted:** Sacred Heart School is hiring part-time help in our Clubhouse after-school program, with a flexible schedule of two to five days per week between the hours of 2:40pm and 5:40pm. If interested, please contact Mrs. Vicki Wenthe at 342.4060 or email [v.wenthe@sheff.org](mailto:v.wenthe@sheff.org).

### School Calendar

#### **Sunday, Feb. 25**

12:00pm: "God Is" Retreat @ St. Anthony Parish

#### **Friday, March 2 (End of third quarter)**

Aluminum Can recycle day

8:30am: Stations of the Cross @ Sacred Heart Church

Noon Dismissal ~ No lunch served

#### **Monday, Feb. 26 to Friday, March 2**

7th Grade Volleyball Regionals @ Sigel St. Michael

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, dance, 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 Jensen at 342.7458 or [mnj6599@yahoo.com](mailto:mnj6599@yahoo.com) or Jill Schultz at 821.4254 or [jillschultz@ymail.com](mailto: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.



### **Empower Illinois Scholarship Application Opens Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7:00pm**

The system has been enhanced to make it easier for families and to manage the demand expected for tax credit scholarships to private schools throughout Illinois.

*The new application will be a two-step process.*

1. **Reserve:** On Feb. 27, at 7:00pm, families will complete a brief online form containing name, contact information, child name, and preferred school. *This will time stamp your application for the first-come, first-served scholarships.*
2. **Apply:** After reserving your place in line, families will be emailed a unique link and use their reservation code to complete the application. *Applications will be sent on a rolling basis, over the course of a few weeks.* After receiving the application email, families will have 3 days to complete the application and submit all required documents.

The reservation system will also be accessible from mobile devices. Everything you will need for the reservation step should be top of mind. Once you get your application link, please use a computer to submit the required documents and finish the application accurately, without rushing.

If a student has already received a scholarship award letter, they do not need to reserve or apply. However, all other students should reserve and apply through this system beginning Feb. 27, **regardless of how far you may have gotten through our old application.**

Any questions, please call Sacred Heart School at 342.4060.

**Protecting God's Children Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 3, at 9:00am, at St. Clare Hall at St. Francis Church in Teutopolis.** Please call 857.6404 to register.

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## **Community Events . . .**

**St. Michael's School, Sigel, invites you to their Swine & Dine Breakfast, on Sunday, Feb. 25, from 7:00am to noon, in the St. Michael gym.** The menu is whole hog sausage, eggs, buttermilk pancakes, rolls, breads, and drink. Large plate is \$6.00; small plate is \$4.00. There will be a craft store, raffle items, and mystery boxes.

**St. Isidore Youth Ministry Soup Supper will be Sunday, Feb. 25, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, in the St. Aloysius Parish Center in Bishop Creek.** The menu includes chili, chicken noodle soup, sauerkraut soup, sandwiches, and dessert. There will also be basket raffles.

**CRAM THE CARS with non-perishable canned goods for Catholic Charities on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the dealerships of Dan Hecht or Roy Schmidt, or at the HSHS Home Care and Hospice Southern Illinois.** This annual food drive will help fill the shelves at Catholic Charities as their supplies are running low. Please assist them with your donations.

**Wendelin Wine Tasting will be Saturday, March 3, from 6:00pm to 10:30pm, at the Holy Cross Parish Center in Wendelin.** Admission is \$10 which includes a glass, tastings, and appetizers. Music provided by Wes Hagen & Megan Brant.

**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.

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## **Effingham K of C news . . .**

**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 as soon as possible 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 is available on the Council's website at [www.effinghamkc.com](http://www.effinghamkc.com) or you can contact Chairman Phil Koerner at [philk@koernerdistributor.com](mailto:philk@koernerdistributor.com). Please submit application by March 9. The application form has instructions on submission of the application.

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**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.

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**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. Prices increase after March 2. Contact Nikki Quandt at 217.254.0079, Denise Deters at 217.663.0791 or [SAMBA@stanthony.com](mailto:SAMBA@stanthony.com).

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**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](http://www.stanthonyshospital.org).

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**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.

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**You are invited to a once-in-a-lifetime Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land, from Nov 26-Dec 7, 2018.** The trip includes visits to Nazareth, Capernaum, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Cana, Jerusalem, Bethlehem & more all under the Spiritual Direction of Rev. Msgr. David Hoefler, VG. To download the free color brochure and registration form, visit <http://www.dio.org/missions/mission-trips.html> or for more information, contact Vicki Compton at 217.698.8500. Space is limited. Register today!

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**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](http://www.stl-wwme) or call 314.649.7317.

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We extend our sympathy to the family & friends of **Alice Watson**

**Mark your calendar for the 2018 Sacred Heart Church Picnic on June 23-24!!** Stand chairs along with co-chairs met this past weekend to discuss new ideas for their stands. When a chairperson asks for your help, please volunteer! Any questions, please contact Carol at 821.7607 or send her an email at caroltoney52@gmail.com.

**A group has been started to pray for our pastor, Fr. Michal.** It consists of praying individually for one holy hour a week in the church or an adoration chapel. We are in need of volunteers who can assist us. If you are interested in becoming part of our group here at Sacred Heart Parish, call or text Nancy Bence at 217.994.8488.

**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.

**Pro-Life prayers needed . . .** The U.S. Supreme Court announced it will hear oral arguments in *National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) v. Becerra* on March 20. It challenges a 2015 state law in California forcing over 100 privately funded pro-life pregnancy help medical clinics that offer free ultrasounds to post signs directing their clients to a taxpayer funded abortion program through Medi-Cal. Please join in prayer through March 20 asking God for a pro-life outcome on this Supreme Court ruling.

**Courses for all Catholics - University of Dayton Online Learning** - The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), is a program which offer adult faith formation classes and allows the people of our diocese to take these classes/seminars at half price. These adult faith formation courses support the Church's catechetical ministry and are for all Catholics 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. Cycle 2 seminars begin on March 4 through March 24. Registration ends on Feb. 28. For more information, visit <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/> or contact the Office for Catechesis at 217.698.8500 x137.

**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, Paula Moore, Lorraine Lidy, Howard Waller, Katherine Kade



**Our Stewardship of Treasure  
Sunday, February 18, 2018**

Envelopes: \$ 8,500.00  
Loose Collection: \$ 1,487.00  
**Total: \$ 9,987.00**

*"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 \$36,945, leaving a balance of \$13,185.**



**... What will YOU do for Lent?**

**It's once again time to gear up for our annual mission trip.** This year, the team is off to LaPaz Bolivia to provide eye care and assess the needs of the people in Camata and Marampampa. These are mountainous areas about 8 hours outside of LaPaz. It is a very poor area with a lot of malnutrition. The team will be spending two weeks there working with Sr. Ann Fearday and the people in that region to move toward sustainability. This year, the focus will be setting up eye clinics, distributing eye glasses, and teaching medical personnel how to provide this care when we are gone. Again, I ask for your prayers and support in order to provide the services, medicine, and equipment they will take to make their lives a bit easier. God has certainly blessed us and this is just one small way we can show His love to others. *Will you be HIS hands and feet and help?* 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*

**Sponsor of the Week**

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