

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

This past week, I had the opportunity to attend the Convocation with my fellow priests in the Diocese of Springfield. It was a great opportunity to gather in prayer and discussions about the different challenges that face our parishes, our schools, and our own Catholic faith. With the many events and activities that surround us in our busy lives, it is always good to remember to take time with God.

Are you wondering what the Synod is that we are praying for at the end of each Mass? To learn more about the Springfield Diocese Synod, I invite everyone to the upcoming meeting this Sunday, Sept. 24, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, at the St. Anthony High School, MPR room. In each deanery, the bishop will be connected by video conference to receive feedback on proposed declarations and decrees. The basis of the Synod is to help us find ways on how we can become better Disciples and Stewards. The Bishop along with a large committee has been working on what is called the Fourth Synod of the Diocese of Springfield Illinois ~ Synodal Declarations. There are Four Pillars to guide us: Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service.

*This is a pivotal time in our church, so please join us this Sunday.*

Fr. Michal, Mrs. Vicki Wenthe, and Tom Purcell, were blessed to spend a week in Wichita, Kansas, witnessing the strong Discipleship and Stewardship presence throughout the Wichita Diocese. They were able to learn more about the Four Pillars of Stewardship: Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service which is being discussed this weekend at our own Springfield Diocese Synod. They were able to volunteer one evening at their "Lord's Diner", which feeds about 500 people in need during a two-hour time period. This amazing diner is open all 365 evenings of the year and is staffed by many generous volunteers. Each volunteer works once a month. This is just one example of the true Stewardship by Service they were able to experience first-hand during their time in Wichita. They learned so much and came back spiritually renewed. It was a wonderful experience and ideas will be shared with our parish and at committee meetings.

Fr. Michal Rosa, our pastor, along with parishioners Jami Sparks and Luke Schuette have been named one of the "Top 20 Under 40" recipients. They will accept their awards on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the Keller Convention Center. Congratulations for this great achievement.



Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate 125 Years of Faith & Family beginning Sunday, October 29, at the 10:30am Mass, where Bishop Paprocki will be the celebrant. We have anniversary events planned all throughout the year, with a closing

Harvest Mass scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2018.

This weekend, we have 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary calendar magnets available in the back of church. We're excited to give you these magnets, which detail the various events planned for our year-long celebration. Please put it on your refrigerator and save the dates to help us celebrate. Watch the church bulletin for additional information (time/location) on the events. If you'd like to help plan and implement one of the scheduled events, please contact the church office at 347.7177. *We'd love to have your assistance!*

Sacred Heart Parish will have a float in the Effingham Sunrise Rotary's annual Halloween Parade. The parade begins at 2:00pm on Sunday, October 29 (the same day as our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary kick off!) and will follow Maple Street to Jefferson Avenue through downtown Effingham. We would love for our students and families to join us in walking in the parade and/or riding the float. Please stay tuned for more information about decorating the parade float and participating in the parade.

*Mark your calendar now for these events!*



**Rest in Peace**

*We extend our sympathy to the family & friends of Ruth Hardiek*

**Wedding Banns**

(III) Brena Buening & Dylan Kuhns



**Sacred Heart Mass Schedule**

**Monday, Sept. 25**

**7:15am:** Gary Schoenhoff

**Tuesday, Sept. 26**

**7:15am:** Harry & Madge Bierman family

**Wednesday, Sept. 27**

**8:30am:** Celestine Niemerg

**Thursday, Sept. 28**

**7:15am:** Bernard Schallert

**2:00pm Lakeland Nursing Home Mass:**

Anna Marie Wernsing

**Friday, Sept. 29**

**7:15am:** John Lange

**Saturday, Sept. 30**

**4:00pm (Fr. Michal Rosa):** Living & deceased members of the Jerry Vonderheide family

**Sunday, Oct. 1**

**8:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa):** Silas Alldredge

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

**5:30pm (Fr. Michal Rosa):** Robert Lustig

**7:00pm Spanish Mass (Fr. Paul Habing):** For respect for all life

### 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

### Readings for the Week:

Monday, Sept. 25: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday, Sept. 26: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20;  
Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday, Sept. 27: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday, Sept. 28: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9  
Friday, Sept. 29: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14;  
Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51  
Saturday, Sept. 30: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a;  
Lk 9:43b-45  
Sunday, Oct. 1: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11  
or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

**Sacred Heart Parish Sunday School for 3, 4, and 5 year old children** takes place in the lower level during the 10:30am Mass from Sept. through April. Registration forms are available online at [www.sheff.org](http://www.sheff.org) and in the back of church. For more information, please call Beth O'Brien Schmidt at 342.6584 or the parish office at 347.7177.

**Catholicism 101, a "Catholic Boot Camp", will be held at St. Anthony Parish Center, on Sept. 26, at 7:00pm.** The topic will be *The Church (Part Two)* and presented by Deacon John Kay on the four marks of the Church, Ecumenism, and the Catholic teaching on who will be saved. No cost, but register at the St. Anthony Parish office or call 347.7129. Everyone welcome.

 **The Women's Prayer Group meets on Mondays, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, in the St. Anthony Parish small conference room.** The group is currently discussing the book, *"Everyone Needs to Forgive Someone."* The group is open to new members to share our joys and concerns and to pray for the current needs of our parish members. For more information, please call Joan Eggers at 217.343.6464.

## Parish Calendar Events

### Wednesday, Sept. 27

6:00pm: Parish Choir Practice @ Sacred Heart Church  
6:30pm: Parish Council @ Sacred Heart Conference Room  
6:30pm: NO PSR Class due to Homecoming

### Thursday, Sept. 28

8:00am-5:00pm: Pro-Life Day of Prayer & Adoration  
@ Sacred Heart Church  
11:00am: RCIA Class @ St. Anthony Parish Center  
7:00pm: RCIA Class @ St. Anthony High School, Room 109

### Sunday, Oct. 1

1:30pm: Life Chain prayer service; 2:00pm-3:00pm: Life chain;  
3:00pm: Refreshments in the Sacred Heart Parish Center



### **Join Sacred Heart Music Ministry!**

Those of you who like to sing, we have a place for you in our music ministry! We are in the process of forming new ensembles and growing our parish choir. Choose a time and group that appeals the most to you and gift your talent to our parish. All of our current ensembles and our parish choir are eager to welcome new members. The parish choir, rehearses on Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. For more information, please call Sr. Rene 347.7177 or email [r.simonelic@sheff.org](mailto:r.simonelic@sheff.org)

### **Youth Group will be participating in the Life Chain at Sacred Heart on Sunday, Oct. 1.**

Students should meet at Sacred Heart Parish by 1:30pm. The Life Chain will go until 3:00pm, followed by a youth group Holy Hour for the Sanctity of all Human Life. The event will end around 4:00pm with an ice-cream social. Youth group (*open to students in 9th-12th grade*) meets Sunday nights from 6:30-7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church. For more information, contact Katalyn Miller at [kmiller@stanthony.com](mailto:kmiller@stanthony.com)! Follow us on Instagram at "effinghamcatholicy".

### **~ 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, Lillian Nolan, Catherine Began, Lydia Hemrich, Rosie Myers, Caroline Hoene, Barbara Jansen, Brandon Wurl, Mary Ellen Eversman, Debbie Myers, Emily McCabe, Harold Poe, Gertrude Alldredge, Eric Hartke, Katie Kroeger, Cathy Swingler, Nikki (Dust) Szymonik, Mike Ritchie, Jack Richardson, Travis Miller, Tom Pruemer, Greg Schaefer, Mary Edwards, Craig Lindvahl, Cathy Hayes, Fred Amacher, Kevin Ordner, Elizabeth Weidner, Wm. "Bill" Dasenbrock, Dorothy Levitt, Jill Quandt, Gloria Ellis, Sandy McDevitt, Esther & Lou Feldhake, Brian Wirth, Ron Caron, Cheryl Woodard, Carolyn Westendorf, Steve Schniederjan, Shawn Bourland, Rex Easton, Bill Myers, Eva Applegate, Sam Stitz, Philip Wendt, Penny Myers, Alice Watson, Julie Hoffman, Rosanna Schallert, David Geltz, Lisa Crosson, Donna Rentfrow, Rita Tucker, Marcia Rexroat, Elliot Minor, Angie Borrelli, Harper Rose Ellis, Sr. Jeanette Willenborg, Kristen Angel, Don Musser, Judy French, Madonna Bushur, Nate Hille, Fr. Dan Bergbower, Carol Perkins, Fidelity Mette, Leonard "Bud" Klein, Scott Schaefer, Becky Ordner, Cindy Mietzner

## Pro-Life Information . . .



**40 Day Prayer Campaign for Life will be from Sept. 27 to Nov. 5, 2017, in our local churches.** Sacred Heart Church will be open on Thursday, Sept. 28, and Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, to pray and for Eucharistic Adoration. We are also asked to help for an hour or two at the Silk Purse in Effingham, on Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 1:00pm-5:00pm. Sign up sheets are in the back of church.

**Family Life Center Fundraising Banquet will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 7:00pm, at the Keller Convention Center in Effingham.** Kristan Hawkins will be the featured speaker. Her work and passion for the unborn has been featured in numerous publications. For more information, or to make a reservation, call 342.5433. Registrations are required by Sept. 25.

**Life Chain 2017 will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1.** It will begin with a prayer service at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, Effingham, at 1:30pm. The actual life chain will form on Keller Drive and Fayette Ave. from 2:00pm-3:00pm. Signs will be furnished. Refreshments will be served immediately following. Donations of cookies would be greatly appreciated. We ask you to come and join other pro-life Christians to prayerfully and peacefully witness against the killing of preborn children. For additional information, please call or text Karla Slifer at 217.690.5282 or call the parish office 347.7177.

**The rosary will be recited before all weekend Masses during the month of October.** Please take this opportunity to be arrive early for Mass and pray the rosary with the parish.

**The next Pro-Life Group meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm, at the Effingham Event Center.** Everyone welcome.

**Bishop Thomas Paprocki will lead us at the Prayer in the Public Square Rosary Rally as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.** The Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday, October 14, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, at the Illinois State Capitol Building in front of the Lincoln statue, Capitol and 2nd streets. If it rains, the event will be held inside the Capitol Rotunda. If you would like to lead one of the prayers, contact Donna B. 217.622.8576.

**100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Fatima events are included in this weekend's insert.** Please mark your calendar now to attend.



**Drive 4UR School Fundraiser, sponsored by Northside Ford in Effingham and Ford Motor Company, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 8:00am-1:00pm, on the Sacred Heart School parking lot.** Help us earn up to \$6,000! SHS receives \$20 for every test drive during the event.

We invite you to stop by and test drive a NEW 2017 or 2018 Ford car, truck, or SUV, and EARN FREE MONEY for Sacred Heart School. Participants must be 18+ and have a valid driver's license. When you come for a test drive, tell us which SHS student sent you, and they'll get a "point." The classroom with the most points will receive a pizza party! Limit one test-drive per household. *THANK YOU for your support, and thank you to Mark Mayhoad and Jake Traub of Northside Ford for this incredible opportunity to raise funds for SHS!*

## Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women . . .

**Sacred Heart CCW Fall Rummage Sale will be Friday, Oct. 6, from 8:00am to 5:00pm; Saturday, Oct. 7, from 8:00am to 3:00pm; and Monday, Oct. 9, 8:00am to noon (\$3.00 bag day), at the Sacred Heart Parish Center.** After fall cleaning or garage sale, please donate your items. You can drop them off at the maintenance building behind school.



**The next CCW meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 6:30pm, in the parish center.** The guest speaker will Dr. Ruben Boyajian, so mark your calendar now.

**St. Anthony CCW would like to invite the ladies of Sacred Heart to a soup supper on Monday, Oct. 16, at 6:00pm, at St. Anthony Parish Center.** There will be several kinds of soups and homemade breads as well as an inspirational speaker.

## DeColores Fall Weekends

### Men's Weekend will be October 12-15

Lay Leaders: Ken Polarek @ 217.342.4218 and

Eric Thompson @ 217.821.7157

Spiritual Director: Fr. Michal Rosa

### Women's Weekend will be October 19 - 22

Lay leader: Coleen Gephart @ 217.739.2321 or

cocosn68@yahoo.com

Spiritual Director: Father Michal Rosa

Assistant Spiritual Director: Sister Jane Hotze

For more information, please call Mary Sur at 342.2003.



**Covenant Network Fall Radiothon will begin on October 2.** Please help them reach their goal to keep Catholic radio on the air and sharing the faith. Call 314.752.7000 or 877.305.1234 for more information or to make a donation.

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## School News . . .

**It's crazy to think that we have already marked the mid-way point for the first quarter at Sacred Heart School! It's going great, and we want to share with you some of the things that our students are doing in the classrooms.**

**Pre School students** are getting to know their new friends and the routine of school. They are beginning to learn so many new and exciting things. The students have been talking about Jesus and being His friend, as well as being friends with others. The students are focusing on the letter A, the color red, the circle, and the number 1, and are also learning to write their names. As part of their curriculum, they are studying apples and doing some fun activities to accompany their lessons.

**Kindergarten students** are adjusting to the routines of kindergarten and the LONG days. They have already met Mr. M and Miss T, and they are very excited to have them in their classrooms! In religion, the students have learned that they are children of God and that God made each of us special in our own way. They are also learning about the five senses that God gave to them! The students are focusing on apples, and they took a super-fun field trip to the apple orchard this week. In math, the children are working on writing numbers, using linking cubes to make patterns, and using teddy bear counters.

**Grade 1 students** are doing an awesome job at reading simple stories and writing complete telling and asking sentences. They are learning what America was like in the past, and have discussed the Pony Express, the transcontinental railroad, and the gold rush! This look at the West led them to Johnny Appleseed and a unit on apples, and they too, enjoyed a field trip this week to the apple orchard. The students have been building towers in math, and have studied the story of creation as well as about Abraham and Sarah and how much faith they had in God.

**Grade 2 students** are focusing on the Holy Trinity, and how to be good disciples in their religion classes. They are also learning about virtues. In reading, the students are exploring the outdoors through their stories. In math, they are working on problems that teach "some, some more, and some went away." They have also been labeling and reading a clock face, and practicing doubles, -0, -1, and -2 facts. In English, the students have reviewed sentence structure and have started their first big writing project – personal narratives!

**Grade 3 students** are learning about God's creation in religion classes. They've already created their own "Flat Stanley" project, and will be reading the infamous book together in class. Later in the year, they'll mail out their "flats" to a couple family members or friends who live out of town. It's great fun as the students watch their "Flat" journey through unique locations.

**Grade 4 students** are learning about the classification of animals in their science class, and have even completed a research project on their favorite animal, finding its scientific name and other important information about that animal.

**Grade 5 students** are learning about the Old and New Testament. The Effingham Knights of Columbus treated them to a vocations trip and a Cardinal baseball game in St. Louis last week! In reading, the students finished the book, *Who Was That Masked Man, Anyway?* And, the class recently wrote an essay on the history of Sacred Heart Parish and School.

**Grade 6 students** have been working hard and are off to a great start this school year! In religion, they have been studying the creeds and parts of the Bible. In literature, they have enjoyed reading two books by the author Jerry Spinelli, *Crash* and *Maniac Magee*. Learning about archaeology has been interesting in their social studies class, and in English, the students reviewed the many rules to capitalization and have started brainstorming lists for possible writing topics! The students are also learning about atoms and the different elements on the periodic table.

**Grade 7 students** are learning about putting their trust in God and being thankful for difficulties in their lives. Yes, that's a hard thing to do, but they're learning how it leads to a good life. In history, they are studying the growing country and the influx of immigrants in the early 1900's. The students are enjoying reading *War Horse* in literature, and in math, everyone is getting a taste of pre-algebra. Insect collections will be coming soon, so that's an exciting project they are all working to finish.

**Grade 8 students** are learning about being disciples of Jesus and how they can simplify their lives in order to better serve God. In literature, they have covered a few short stories before beginning their next novel, *The Westing Game*. In science, the students have learned much patience in their attempts to master the metric system of measurements and converting between the different units. They are really enjoying their activity in computers where they have been tasked with creating an original candy bar along with a wrapper!

### School Calendar

#### Monday, Sept. 25

4:00pm: Cross Country @ home

6:15pm: Girls Basketball @ Brownstown/St. Elmo

6:30pm: Enrollment Committee Meeting  
@ Sacred Heart Church Lower Level

#### Wednesday, Sept. 27

8:15am-10:15am: Grandparent's Day Celebration  
@ Sacred Heart School

#### Thursday, Sept. 28

Vision/Hearing Screenings

3:30pm: Cross Country @ Robinson

6:15pm: Girls Basketball @ Neoga

6:30pm: K-1 Read Night @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

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*Community Events . . .*

**Teutopolis Band Boosters Annual Fall Breakfast will be Sunday, Sept. 24, from 7:00am until noon, at the Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium.** Menu is “all you can eat” breakfast of whole hog sausage, eggs, pancakes, rolls, breads, and drink. There will be a country store and baked items for sale, as well as a raffle.

**Michael J. Mette Concert will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 2:00pm, at Holy Cross Church, Wendelin.** The concert will last 90 minutes and include lights and video. The group will be Michael, joined by his children, Gabby on guitar, Trinity on violin/keys and Charity on drums. There will be a free-will donation. For additional information, go to [www.michaeljamesmette.com](http://www.michaeljamesmette.com).

**Soup & Sandwich Supper Benefit for the family of John Cordes will be held on Friday, Sept. 29, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm, at the Neoga City Building.** All money raised will be matched “Dollar for Dollar” up to \$2,500 by Modern Woodmen home office and will be used for medical expenses. There will also be a silent auction and raffle. For more information, call Patty Murray at 273.1971.

**Catholic Charities Fall Fun Run will be Saturday, Sept. 30, beginning at 8:00am, at the Teutopolis Community Park.** To register or for more information, call 857.1458. Entry fees are:

- ▶ 1 mile run/walk: \$15 (no guarantee of a shirt)
- ▶ 5K run/walk: \$25 (no guarantee of a shirt)

**St. Joseph Church, Island Grove, Annual Fall Breakfast and Raffle will be on Sunday, Oct. 1, from 7:00am to noon, at the St. Joseph Parish Center.** The menu is whole hog sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, breads, and drink. Cost: \$7.00 for 11 years and older and \$4.00 for 10 years and under. There will be a country store featuring homemade baked goods and the drawing for the quilt and big raffle will be at noon.

**Tours of the Teutopolis Monastery Museum will be given on Sunday, October 1, from 12:30pm to 4:00pm.** Admission fee is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. For more information, go the parish website: [www.stfrancischurch.com](http://www.stfrancischurch.com).

**7th Annual St. Thomas Harvest Picnic will be Oct. 7-8, kicking off Saturday evening with a 5:30pm Mass, with a 6:30pm prime rib steak dinner following.** On Sunday, enjoy a smoked garlic chicken and pork meal from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Raffle drawing at 5:00pm. Enjoy food, games, activities, raffle, and music.

**Please save the date for the Newman Night to be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the EIU Campus in Charleston.** Mass at 4:30pm; social hour & silent auction at 5:30pm; dinner & greetings at 6:30pm; and dance with D.J. from 8:30pm to 11:00pm.

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*Effingham Knights of Columbus News . . .*

**Effingham Knights of Columbus Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24 with doors open at 11:00am and we will eat at noon.** Bring the family out for games, face painting, bounce house, mule wagon rides, pedal tractor pull, food and drinks. Invite a prospective knight and his family.

**The 2017 Bishops Hall of Fame will be held on Saturday, October 28, in Sherman, IL, and Daniel L. Koester of the Effingham Council will be inducted.** Our Council has chartered a bus for the trip and any member is welcome to join us for the trip to honor Dan and our past Hall of Fame inductees. The proceeds after expenses are used to help the seminarians in our diocese. We are working out specific details on departure time. Banquet tickets are \$26 each and there is no additional cost to ride the bus. Please contact F.S. Jim Miller at 343.7480 if you will be attending. If no answer, please leave a message and Jim will contact you.

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**Sigel St. Michael is hosting a three-day celebration for their Sesquicentennial on Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1, 2017.** Opening Mass will be held on Friday, Sept. 29, at 5:30pm, followed by alumni basketball games at 7:00pm in the gym. Saturday, Sept. 30, enjoy a full day of festivities including wiffle ball, quilt show, children’s games, and music by the Feudin Hillbillies on the church grounds and parish center. On Sunday, Oct. 1, there will be a 10:00am outdoor Mass followed by a parish family meal. At 1:00pm, come enjoy Larry DeLawder as Barney Fife followed by a parish comedy hour.

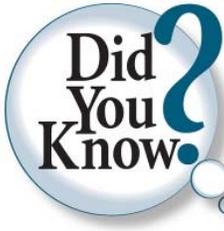
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**DASK - Divorced and Separated Koinonia, will be held on Oct. 6-8, at the Villa Maria Retreat Center, on Lake Springfield, Springfield, IL.** The cost is \$110. The weekend is sponsored by the Springfield Diocese, but is open to anyone of any faith. Some people invite a divorced or separated friend to attend with them. Everyone who volunteers their time on the weekend, are currently or have been divorced or separated, so it is a very safe and understanding environment. Information on Villa Maria is available at <http://villa.dio.org/>. DASK facebook can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/daskkoinonia/>. For more information or to register, contact Karen Marruffo, 217.496.2831. Find a brochure is at [www.dio.org/familylife/divorce-recovery.html](http://www.dio.org/familylife/divorce-recovery.html).

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**Join us on a once-in-a-lifetime Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land, from Nov 27-Dec 8, 2017.** The trip includes visits to Nazareth, Capernaum, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Cana, Jerusalem, Bethlehem & more! The trip is under the spiritual direction of Fr. Christopher House. To download the brochure and registration form, visit <http://www.dio.org/missions/mission-trips.html>, or for more information, please contact Vicki Compton at 217.698.8500 or send an email to [vcompton@dio.org](mailto:vcompton@dio.org).

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As we prepare for the restoration of Sacred Heart Church, it's important for all of us to understand the "whys" behind the many details in the church. This is a continuation of the original article written by Michal S. Rose. It was originally published by Envoy Communications, Inc., Steubenville, OH, Issue #3, 2001.

Sunday Collection Income	17-Sep-17	Budgeted
Offering ( 194 Env.)	\$8,470.00	\$10,570.00
Loose	\$1,644.00	\$1,610.00
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$10,114.00	\$12,180.00

**The "Little Tent" Of Our Lord**

The *tabernacle* owes its origins to the moveable tent-like structure of the same name described in the Old Testament. This tent was used for worship before the construction of Solomon's temple. In fact, the word "tabernacle" is derived from the Latin word meaning "tent." The tabernacle in the wilderness held God's presence within the Ark of the Covenant in the same way our present tabernacles hold the Real Presence of Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine.

It probably goes without saying that, in order to foster Eucharistic devotion as promoted by recent Popes as well as their predecessors, the tabernacle needs to be in a prominent position. The most common and obvious prominent position is centered in the sanctuary behind the altar of sacrifice. However, when the architecture of a particular church precludes this obvious arrangement, the tabernacle is kept off-center in the sanctuary or in a side alcove adjacent to the sanctuary.

No matter where the tabernacle is located, it must have a direct physical relationship with the altar. If you can't see the altar from the tabernacle or you can't see the tabernacle from the altar, it's probably in the wrong place. In historically significant pilgrimage churches and in cathedrals, the Blessed Sacrament occupies its own chapel. Yet this chapel still needs to be constructed with a clear relation to the main altar.

**Catholic Times has a remaining balance of \$373.50.** Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church with Catholic Times in the memo line and mark it "*Catholic Times*" on the envelope.

**An emergency collection will be taken this weekend, Sept. 23-24, on behalf of those devastated in parts of the Caribbean and southeastern United States by Hurricane Irma.** The hurricane has been devastating to our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean, especially the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, and the southern US need our help. Please give generously. If you wish to give next weekend, please place contribution in an envelope marked Hurricane Irma.

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy, even if it is in the past, individuals are encouraged to call the Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number 217.321.1155. Individuals may also contact the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE, or contact your local police authority.



**The 2017-2018 Annual Catholic Services Appeal "ACSA" "Go Therefore and Make Disciples." is underway.** Christ calls us to consider our gifts and to return a portion of them to Him through our parish and the larger Church, our diocese. Each registered Sacred Heart family should receive a letter from the diocese.

Remember that this annual appeal is our parish's share of the cost of providing diocesan ministries and services which directly or indirectly benefit our parish and all Catholics of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

*We also invite you to start directing your weekly tithing to the Diocese.* Simply make your check payable to ACSA (with Sacred Heart Church in the memo line), ACSA on the envelope, and drop it in the collection. If our parish goal is surpassed, then 100% of the overage is returned to the parish. Any questions, call Mark Volk at 347.7177.

*Please make a donation to help us meet our goal.*

A special thank you to the members of the landscaping committee who regularly "spruce up" the flowers and water the plants due to the dry weather. *We truly appreciate your help.*

**Fresh flowers are displayed by the tabernacle in memory/honor of a family or special occasion.** If you would like to donate flowers, contact Vicki Walker at 821.6179. **Thank you to Scott & Kathy Mosher for their donation of flowers this week in memory of Chuck & Paula Mosher.**

**Sacred Heart Parishioner updates . . .**

Please keep in touch by letting us know of any changes in your address, e-mail, and phone numbers. Please send changes to shchurch@sheff.org or call Darlene at 347.7177.

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# *100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Fatima*

*Please join Msgr. Hoefler, Fr. Chris, and Fr. Michal at a*

## **Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima**

**on Friday, October 13, 2017, at 6:30pm**

at Sacred Heart Church, Effingham

***There will be an outdoor candlelight rosary procession following Mass.***

There will be a complimentary catered reception, provided by the Effingham Knights of Columbus, immediately following the rosary in the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

*To join us for the reception,*

*please RSVP to Sacred Heart Parish at 217.347.7177 by Wednesday, Oct. 4.*



## **Public Square Rosary Rally**

**on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 12:00 noon**

at the corner of Fayette and Henrietta at Sacred Heart Church

This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day.

Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to pray for the conversion of the United States.

*Lunch provided by the Effingham Knights of Columbus at the Sacred Heart Parish Center.*

**All are welcome and encouraged to join us at these events!**

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