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## **Sacred Heart School**

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



Advent marks the beginning of the church's liturgical year. The season of Advent is a period of both repentance and celebration. Christians spend time in spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. The word "advent" comes from the Latin term "adventus" which means "arrival" or "coming," particularly the arrival of something or someone of great significance.

The lighting of an Advent Wreath is a traditional custom. On the branches of the wreath are four candles: three purple and one rose candle. In the center of the wreath sits a white candle. On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. It represents hope or expectation of the coming Messiah.

**Please read the next page for information regarding the results of the Feasibility Study for the Restoration of Sacred Heart Church.** Please take time to read the information and contact me if you have any questions.

**A special thank you to everyone who attended the Thanksgiving Mass and brought non-perishable items and monetary donations for Catholic Charities.** As this is a time of giving to those who are struggling, we were overwhelmed by your generosity.

**I invite all liturgical ministers (Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Cantors, Choir, Servers, Sacristans) to join us at Sacred Heart Church for Adoration on Monday, Dec. 4, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.** We realize that the holidays can be a very hectic time and this will be the perfect opportunity to reflect on the season of Advent and pray. Everyone is welcome.

***There will be the following reconciliation services to accommodate particular groups, however everyone is welcome.***

- ▶ Sacred Heart Students ~ Wednesday, Dec. 6, beginning at 9:15am @ Sacred Heart Church
- ▶ PSR students ~ Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 6:30pm @ Sacred Heart Church
- ▶ Parish Reconciliation ~ Sunday, Dec. 17, from 3:00pm to 4:00pm @ St. Anthony Church
- ▶ Parish Reconciliation ~ Monday, Dec. 18, beginning at 6:00pm @ Sacred Heart Church

The sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 minutes before weekday Masses and again at 3:00pm on Saturdays.

*If these times do not fit your schedule, please call Fr. Michal to set up a time.*

**Immaculate Conception is on Friday, December 8, and is a holy day.**

**Sacred Heart:** Friday, Dec. 8: 7:15am, 8:30am, and 7:00pm (*ministry sign up sheet is in the back of church*)

**St. Anthony:** Thursday, Dec. 7: 5:30pm; Friday, Dec. 8: 6:30am, 8:30am, 12:10pm

**St. Mary's, Shumway:** Friday, Dec. 8: 7:00pm

**The Spanish community would like to invite everyone to the special Lady of Guadalupe Mass on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 7:00pm, at Sacred Heart Church.** She is the patron saint of Mexico and depicted with brown skin, an angel and moon at her feet, and rays of sunlight that encircle her. According to tradition, the Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego on Dec. 9, 1531 and the story will be re-enacted. There will be a special celebration following in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. *Everyone is welcome to join in the Mass and festivities.*



**Sacred Heart Church**

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm and 7:30pm

Christmas Day: midnight, 9:30am, and a 5:00pm Spanish Mass

*Ministry schedules are in the back of church,*

*so please sign up as soon as possible so we can finalize a schedule.*

**St. Anthony Church**

Christmas Eve: 4:30pm (incense free), 7:00pm;

Christmas Day: midnight, 8:00am, and 10:00am

**St. Mary's Shumway**

Christmas Eve: 5:30pm; Christmas Day: 8:30am



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## ***The results of the Feasibility Study are in, and we're happy to share the survey findings with you!***

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For background information, please know that Walsh & Associates sought to conduct up to 30 personal interviews and to invite all parishioners to complete an online survey. A total of 47 people were surveyed during 29 personal interviews. An online survey link was emailed to over 500 parishioners (whose current emails we have on file), and it was also provided via the bulletin and in person to other parishioners whose email we do not have on file. A total of 177 people completed the online survey. In all, 224 responses were received as a result of the online survey and the personal interviews.

We're pleased to report that 97% of parishioners are very satisfied or satisfied with Sacred Heart Parish and the programs and services the church provides. Also, a total of 47% felt they had general knowledge and 36% felt they were well informed about the church's needs and plans to restore the worship space, make maintenance improvements, and construct a gather space. (Thirteen percent said they knew very little, and 4% felt uninformed.)

With regards to the importance of addressing the needs and wants of the church, a total of 83% feel it's very important or important to address the needs in the church. Breaking down the importance of addressing specific needs, we learned that 97% of those surveyed thought it was very important to important to make *aesthetic improvements* (pews, flooring, walls, beams, ceilings). A total of 93% felt it very important to important to make *system improvements* (sound, lighting, climate controls, and efficiency of doors/windows). A total of 83% felt it very important to important to improve the *accessibility, seating, and worship spaces* (sanctuary, furnishings, music ministry, seating, cry rooms, restrooms). A total of 45% felt it was very important to important to make *welcoming, hospitality, and fellowship improvements* (new gathering space). And finally, a total of 71% felt it was very important to important to *improve the church office/lobby* (carpet and windows).

It was determined that 75% of those surveyed said they felt the acceptance level among parishioners for a capital campaign would be good to excellent.

Nearly 500 individual comments were provided during the interviews and/or the online survey, and the Restoration Committee has reviewed each and every comment. From those comments, we know that the parish needs to hear and see more details regarding the sanctuary background; would like to see energy efficiency studies with regards to windows and doors as well as lighting; and desires clarification on what a gathering space would include and how it will benefit the church.

We greatly appreciate all of the responses we received from the survey, and we are working to address your concerns and answer your questions about the project. Starting as early as next weekend, we will address your questions both in the bulletin and before each weekend Mass, with a member of the Restoration Committee providing an update.

Walsh & Associates, the firm who conducted the feasibility study, has recommended that we move forward with a capital campaign. Based on the feedback received from those surveyed, as well the experience and expertise of their fundraising, Walsh & Associates believes that if a campaign was to be conducted in the very near future, we could raise up to \$1,600,000. From some of the feedback however, they affirmed that, once we're able to address your concerns and questions and also better explain the need for a gathering space at Sacred Heart Church, there is a great potential to raise even more funds, and that pursuing and reaching an ultimate goal of approximately \$2,000,000 is a realistic possibility for our parish. We're hopeful that the parish will indeed realize the benefits of having such a space as we move forward and plan for the next 50 years of worship here at Sacred Heart Parish.

Again, we thank you for taking the survey and/or giving your time to be personally interviewed. We have much work to be done as we move forward in the planning of a campaign and the restoration. Please know that our Restoration Committee took a field trip this week to visit several parishes in the Springfield area so as to personally see their recently renovated churches, new gathering spaces, etc. and to get ideas regarding flooring, furnishings, and the like. Again, please watch the bulletin and your email for updates and answers to your questions and concerns. Please contact Fr. Michal or Christy Hakman at 217.374.7177 if you have questions.

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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

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 6:00pm, at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Meat will be furnished, so just bring your favorite dish. We will have our annual silent auction. Please bring your item that night. All proceeds will be given to families in need. Entertainment will be provided by the Immanuel Lutheran Church Bell Choir. This is a wonderful evening of fellowship, so come and bring a friend.



We extend our sympathy to the family & friends of  
**Malinda Burrell**

Advent Reflection on the Birth of Jesus Christ will be held on Tuesdays (Dec. 5, 12, 19), at 12:30pm, at Sacred Heart Church lower level, and again at 6:30pm, at St. Anthony Parish Center.



Through classic works of art, music, and Gospel narratives, come explore the Life of Christ from the Annunciation of the angel Gabriel, Visitation of Mary, and the Nativity and Birth of Jesus Christ. *Everyone welcome!*

On New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1, we will have Mass at 9:30am and a 5:00pm Spanish Mass at Sacred Heart Church. The weekend of Dec. 30-31, we will follow the regular weekend Mass schedule.

### Parish Calendar Events

#### Monday, Dec. 4

4:00pm: Restoration Committee @ S. H. Lower Level  
7:00pm: Liturgical Ministers Adoration @ S. H. Church

#### Tuesday, Dec. 5

12:30pm: Advent Reflection @ Sacred Heart Lower Level  
6:00pm: Sacred Heart CCW Christmas Party @ Sacred Heart Parish Center  
7:00pm: S. H. Parish Council @ Church Lower Level

#### Wednesday, Dec. 6

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

#### Thursday, Dec. 7

6:00pm: S.H. Liturgy Committee @ S.H. Lower Level

#### Sunday, Dec. 10

10:30am: Sunday School @ Sacred Heart Lower Level  
6:30pm: Effingham Area Youth Group Caroling  
7:00pm: Lady of Guadalupe Mass with a celebration following @ S. H. Parish Center

#### Readings for the Week:

Monday, Dec. 4: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, Dec. 5: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, Dec. 6: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, Dec. 7: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, Dec. 8: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, Dec. 9: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,  
5a, 6-8

Sunday, Dec. 10: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

### Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

#### **Monday, Dec. 4**

**7:15am:** Living & deceased members of the Walter & Veronica Pals family

#### **Tuesday, Dec. 5**

**7:15am:** Fr. Victor Kingery

#### **Wednesday, Dec. 6**

**8:30am:** Mel Zumbahlen

#### **Thursday, Dec. 7**

**7:15am:** Pat Rezabeck

#### **Friday, Dec. 8**

**7:15am:** Anthony J. Sicoli

**8:30am:** Living & deceased members of the Alfred & Helen Fuesting family

**7:00pm:** Ray Pals

#### **Saturday, Dec. 9**

**4:00pm (Fr. Michal Rosa):** Rita Schwerdt

#### **Sunday, Dec. 10**

**8:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa):** Hayley Stodden

**10:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa):** Pedro Alvarado

**5:30pm (Fr. Michal Rosa):** For Our Parishioners

**7:00pm Spanish Mass (Fr. Paul Habing):** For missionaries



**Christmas Flowers** ~ Envelopes are included in your December packets for Christmas flowers and 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.

**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 to the parish office or place them in the container by the usher's room by Dec. 3. Suitable items are soaps, lotions, perfume/cologne, air fresheners, socks, slippers, handkerchiefs, small afghans, small religious picture, statue, picture frame, doily, or basic essentials for everyday use. Please, no candles or food.

### School Calendar

#### Wednesday, Dec. 6

8:30am: School Mass @ Sacred Heart Church  
SHS Noon Dismissal - no lunch served  
6:30pm: PTA meeting @ Lonestar

#### Thursday, Dec. 7

5:15pm: K/1 Polar Express Train Trip

#### Friday, Dec. 8 (Immaculate Conception)

8:30am: Holy Day Mass @ Sacred Heart Church

#### Monday, Dec. 4 to Friday, Dec. 8

Boys Basketball 7th Grade NTC

### **~ Prayer List ~**

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, Jack Richardson, Travis Miller, Tom Pruemmer, Greg Schaefer, Mary Edwards, Craig Lindvahl, Cathy Hayes, Fred Amacher, Kevin Ordner, Elizabeth Weidner, 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, Fidelity Mette, Scott Schaefer, Becky Ordner, Cindy Mietzner, Bill Althoff, Bertha Walls, Paula Moore



**Effingham Area High School Youth & Young Adults... The Effingham Area Catholic High School Youth Group will be visiting the area nursing homes and caroling on Sundays, Dec. 10 & 17.** \*No singing experience necessary, just a bit of JOY! All high school age youth are invited. We will depart from Sacred Heart Church at 6:30pm and return at 8:30pm. A permission form is required to attend. The EACYG will be on holiday break until Jan. 14.

**Seats still available for March for Life - Washington, D.C.** St. Anthony High School students along with other area youth have a bus reserved and seats are available. The cost for the trip is approx. \$125. We are also offering a "sponsor a seat" opportunity for parishioners who want to support the March but are unable to attend the trip. Snacks may also be donated for the bus ride and can be dropped off at the high school office! *A brief itinerary listed below.*

Jan. 18 - 4:00pm: Board a Bales Bus at SAHS parking lot

Jan. 19 - 6:30am: Arrive in D.C. for March

Jan. 20 - 8:00pm to 12:00pm -- Return to Effingham

*For more information about Effingham Area Youth Group and the March for Life trip, contact Katalyn Miller at [kmiller@stanthony.com](mailto:kmiller@stanthony.com).*

**Join Sacred Heart Parish in assisting the Effingham County Fish & Catholic Charities 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 church office by Dec 3. Disabled, low-income families, and senior citizens need to complete an application to shop at the Christmas Store. Please contact FISH or Catholic Charities for an application. The Christmas Store will be open Dec. 8-9.

**Volunteers are needed . . .**

Dec. 3: Transport items to the Agracel Building @ noon

Dec. 4, 5 & 7: Store set up from 9:00am to 6:00pm.

Dec. 8 & 9: Christmas Store open Friday from 12:00pm to 5:00pm and Saturday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Dec. 10: Tear down from 10:00am to completion.

For more information, contact Molly Bushue at 217.254.0777 or [MollyBushue@gmail.com](mailto:MollyBushue@gmail.com).

**Effingham County Christmas Store needs your help to fill the semi during the X & KJ-Athon on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 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".

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### Community Events . . .

The ladies of St. Anthony Church Effingham Holiday Cookie/Candy Sale will be Saturday, Dec. 2, until 7:00pm and Sunday, Dec. 3, from 7:00am to 1:00pm, in the St. Anthony Parish Center. In addition to the array of cookies, snack mixes, candies, and fudge, there will be holiday breads and coffee cakes. Please stock up on the holiday treats for your family and guests.



**Christmas Open House will be held at the Cross at the Crossroads Welcome Center on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.** Guests will enjoy music from FACE and various choirs, nativity scenes from around the world, door prizes, and free refreshments. They will also have a free “make and take” Christmas craft.

**“Advent Evensong” will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4:00pm, at Holy Cross Church, Wendelin.** There will be a candlelight service with Scripture, Organ, English Carols, & Austrian Christmas music sung in German, by the Wendelin Kloepfen Singers. *All are welcome.*

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**International Day of Persons with Disabilities is Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017.** This annual observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1992. The goal is to promote the rights of persons with disabilities and increase awareness in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. This year’s theme is *‘Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all’.*

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**Project Rachel: Understanding Abortion & Accepting it as the Death of a Child . . .** It is incredibly painful to acknowledge that abortion is a death experience. It can be so terrifying that some women never acknowledge the abortion to others. They live out their lives surrounded by fear and shame. It is the role of the priest/counselor to hold out hope that healing is possible. Reconciliation and healing, though, are only open to a woman who acknowledges what an abortion really is, and the reality that she participated in this death event. Please contact those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5.

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**Life Issue Forum** - In the current edition of Life Issue Forum, **Civility Begins in the Womb**, Tom Grenchik reflects on the all too common reality that our communities have become desensitized to violence. Many are attracted to popular movies, video games, and daily news that contain violence. Consider the fact that the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion. Interestingly, Pope Saint John Paul II warned that violence tolerated in the womb would begin to unravel respect for human life at all levels, until violence becomes the norm. A link to all publications of Life Issue Forum is located at [www.dio.org/plasm/life-issues-forum.html](http://www.dio.org/plasm/life-issues-forum.html).

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**St. Hildegard von Bingen Schola and sister choir Le Petite Flame will present their Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4:00pm, at HSHS St. Anthony Hospital Chapel.** Celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> year of beautiful music together, the current members are: McKenna Steineman, Carly Spraul, Makenna Grubb, Rachael Kemme, Olivia Spraul, Elizabeth Kabbes, Abby Dietzen, Grace Walker, and Anna Zaccari. New to the Hildegard tradition is Le Petite Flame, their sister choir of younger members, Shae Condor, Evie Sayne, and Susy Trupiano, who will be in concert with them all under the direction of Barbara Konrad. *Join us for this free public concert!*

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### Effingham Knights of Columbus News

**“Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest** ~ There are four age groups – age 4 and under, ages 5 to 7, ages 8 to 10, and ages 11 to 14 (*age as of Nov. 1, 2017*). The posters must be on entry forms provided by the Knights of Columbus. *The deadline for entries is Monday, Dec. 4.*

**The Children’s Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3, with doors opening at 2:00pm.** Santa Claus will arrive shortly thereafter. There will be games and refreshments prior to and during Santa’s visit. There will be door prizes including a drawing for a girls bicycle and boys bicycle.



**The Adult Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 17, with doors opening at 12:00pm.** The social hour will be from 12:00pm-1:00pm with the meal 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.

**Columbian Squires (St. Nicholas Circle 5651) will be filling in for Santa’s elves and assisting with the children’s party.** They will collect the homemade Christmas cards and send them to service men and women overseas. At the Dec. 14 meeting, the Squires will be preparing and sending cards to the seminarians in the Springfield Diocese, local priests, and to wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital.

**There will be a youth activities raffle fundraiser with proceeds going towards various youth programs such as the Coats for Kids, contest awards, assist students attending March for Life, 5th grade vocations field trip, and the Columbian Squires Circle.** Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 with only 1000 printed. First prize will be the choice of 1 of 2 firearms or \$750. Second prize will be the winner’s choice of 1 of 2 firearms or \$500 – or the prize can be a credit to the firearm of your choice. An early bird drawing will be held at the K of C Adult Christmas Party on Dec. 17. Grand prize will be drawn at the Egyptian Collectors Trade Show on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 2:00pm.

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***Keeping in touch over the holidays:***

- Rev. Brian Alford**, c/o St. Jude Church  
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- Rev. Al Allen**, c/o St. Louis Church  
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- Rev. Dan Bergbower**, c/o St. Mary's Church  
1802 Madison Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025
- Rev. Zachary Edgar**, c/o St. Elizabeth Church  
2300 Pontoon Rd, Granite City, IL 62040
- Rev. Sunder Ery**, c/o St. Michael's Church  
P.O. Box 68, Sigel, IL 62462
- Rev. Jeff Goeckner**, c/o St. Boniface Church  
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- Rev. Paul Habing**, c/o St. Elizabeth Church  
120 N. Windmill, 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. Rafal Pyrchla**, c/o Our Saviour Church  
453 E. State St., Jacksonville, IL 62650
- Rev. Carl Schmidt**  
509 N. Main St., Effingham, IL 62401
- Rev. Marty Smith**, c/o St. Francis Xavier  
506 S. State St., Jerseyville, IL 62052
- Rev. Robert Spriggs**, c/o Sacred Heart Church  
P.O. Box 870, Effingham, IL 62401 (will forward mail)
- Msgr. Kenneth Steffen**, c/o St. Francis Hospital  
1215 Franciscan Dr., Litchfield, IL 62056
- 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 . . .*

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**Troy Niemerg**  
Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary  
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**Dominic Vahling, Michael Meinhart,  
Michael Trummer**  
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary  
5200 Glennon Drive, St. Louis, MO 63119

**Keeping Informed . . .**

**Changes** ~ Please help us keep in touch by letting us know of any changes in your address, e-mail, and phone numbers. Also, if you are snowbirds for the winter, please let us know if you would like your mail forwarded.

**Homebound and Nursing Home** ~ If you or someone you know is in the nursing home or hospital, call the parish office at 347.7177 or send an e-mail to shchurch@sheff.org.

Sunday Collection Income	26-Nov-17	Budgeted
Offering ( 193 Env.)	\$11,976.00	\$10,570.00
Loose	\$1,507.00	\$1,610.00
Holy Days	\$40.00	\$0.00
Total	\$13,523.00	\$12,180.00
Weekly Difference		\$1,343
YTD Totals	\$242,241	\$266,220
YTD Difference		(\$23,979)

**The 2017-2018 Annual Catholic Services Appeal "ACSA" "Go Therefore and Make Disciples." is underway. The goal for our 2017-18 ASCA is \$50,130.** 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. If our parish goal is surpassed, then 100% of the overage is returned to the parish. Any questions, call Mark Volk at 347.7177. **To date, we have received \$20,613, leaving a balance of \$29,517.** Please make a donation to help us meet our goal.

**Help care for elders.** "Thanks to support from the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

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