

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

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered in the various Mass ministries and for the beautiful choirs for Christmas Masses. With fourth Sunday of Advent being on Sunday morning, followed by Christmas that evening, it created quite a challenge for our Art & Environment Committee to transform the church for the Christmas celebrations. *My heartfelt thank you for an outstanding job!*

It was wonderful to see all the people who joined us for the Christmas Masses and I hope to see each of you every Sunday. By attending Mass each Sunday, you renew your friendship with Christ, giving Him a special place in your life to grow closer to God. We also have daily Mass which is a great way to start your day. *May you have a blessed New Year!!*



Mark your calendar for Adoration on Monday, Jan. 8, at 7:00pm, at Sacred Heart Church. After the hectic holiday season, please join us in church for Adoration and spend time in quiet prayer. I encourage everyone involved in the Mass ministries to make a special effort to come and reflect on your special ministry. It is a great privilege to participate and I hope to see you there. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call me.

“**Koleđa**” is the Catholic tradition of pastoral visits to parishioners’ homes, which takes place after Christmas and before February 2nd (Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple). During a visit, a priest prays with the family, blesses the house, and talks to the family. I want to visit all of you, so please call the office to schedule a date and a time. This will especially help me to get to know you - my parishioners.

Welcome Deacon Dominic Rankin. As many of you will remember, he joined us this summer for our annual picnic, taught at Vacation Bible School, and was involved in many events throughout the parish. Dominic was ordained a deacon on Sept. 28 in Rome, where he currently studies at the Pontifical North American College in Vatican City. He will be joining us at the Dec. 30-31 weekend Masses and hoping to visit with you during his short stay. After visiting with his family & friends, he will return to school in Rome until his ordination to the priesthood in May of 2018 at the Cathedral in Springfield.



Mark your calendar for these 125th Anniversary events and invite your family to join in the fun!

Please watch the bulletin for additional information on the following events that have been planned.

January 28, 2018: Catholic Schools Week Kick Off at 10:30am Mass; Volunteer Appreciation Party, 12:30pm.

February 11, 2018: SHS Alumni Mass, 8:30am, followed by breakfast and fellowship in the Parish Center. Tours of SHS to all visitors.

March 17, 2018: St. Patrick’s Day Dinner & Dance, 5:00pm

April 8, 2018: PTA Spring Breakfast, 7:00am-Noon.

May 19, 2018: Mass, 4:00pm, followed by ‘Family Night’ with free dinner and games for the whole family.

June 8, 2018: Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day Mass, 6:30pm, with ice cream social following Mass.

June 23/24, 2018: 48th annual Sacred Heart Parish Picnic

August 25, 2018: Mass, 4:00pm, to celebrate all married couples in the Parish. Wine Tasting to follow at the Austin Mansion from 5:00-7:00pm.

September 22, 2018: Harvest Mass, 4:00pm, to close the anniversary celebration.

A note from Tom Purcell . . .

Wishing you and your family a happy new year!

Please note there will not be PSR on this Wednesday, Jan. 3. We will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30pm, at St. Anthony High School. Any questions, call Tom Purcell at 821.7077.



Servers who were recently trained are encouraged to join the scheduled servers on Sundays to become familiar and comfortable in this important ministry. If you would like to be a server, are currently in the 4th grade or above, please contact the parish office. Also, we encourage both new and current servers to consider serving the 7:15am morning Mass. *We would love to have you and your family participate in daily Mass.*

Baptism Class will be Thursday, Jan. 18, at 6:00pm, at Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Classes are offered every other month and parents must attend a class prior to the baptism for their first child. Any questions, or to register, please call Darlene at 347.7177.



Protecting God's Children Workshops

St. Isidore Parish, Bishop

Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 6:30pm
Monday, Feb. 5, at 6:30pm
Call 925.5788 to register.

St. Francis Church, Teutopolis

Saturday, Jan. 13, at 9:00am
Call 857.6404 to register.

The next Natural Family Planning Class will be held on the following dates:

February 10: 2:30-4:00pm, at St. Anthony, Effingham
March 24: 9:00-10:30am, at St. Francis, Teutopolis
April 20: 6:00-7:30pm, at St. Isidore, Bishop Creek
May 4: 6:30-8:00pm, at Sacred Heart, Effingham
June 2: 10:00-11:30am, at St. Francis, Teutopolis
July 21: 9:30-11:00am, at St. Isidore, Bishop Creek
August 24: 6:00-7:30pm, at St. Anthony, Effingham
To register or for more information, call Kate Pruemmer at 821.1840.

Pre-Cana workshops are being offered in the Effingham area . . .

St. Francis Parish, Teutopolis ~ Sunday, January 28
Call 217.857.6404 to register.

St. Mary Parish, Ste. Marie ~ Saturday, March 17
Call 618.455.3155 to register.

St. Aloysius Church ~ Sunday, November 11
Call 217.925.5579 to register.

Additional dates are available on the diocesan website at www.dio.org under marriage preparation.

Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish

New families

Jayne Dasenbrock
Francine Balla
Seth & Traci Hoffman
Brian & Barbara Poelker
Kristy Ungrund

Newly Baptized

Carter Matthew Ruholl
Emily Rose Dow
Annaliese Cecelia Haarmann

GOD IS! RETREAT ~ Parents with Catholic students in 2nd and 8th grades are required to attend the God Is! Retreat. The retreat is on Sunday, Feb. 25, at St. Anthony Parish. The 8th grade students will also have a retreat at that same time. The 2nd grade students do not attend. For the parents who have already attended within the last two years, you do not have to attend this year.

"Living in Love" Marriage Enrichment Retreat . . .

Couples who stay successfully and happily married make their marriage a priority. "Living in Love" provides an opportunity for couples to reconnect with their own personal love history and gain a renewed sense of purpose, hope, and direction for their future. The next weekend is Jan. 6-7, at the Villa Maria Catholic Conference and Retreat Center, 1903 E. Lake Shore Dr., Springfield, IL. The retreat begins on Saturday morning at 9:00am and concludes on Sunday at 3:00pm. The cost is \$150 per couple and includes all retreat materials, meals, and accommodations. To RSVP, call 217.321.1132 or email BSmith@dio.org. For more information, go to <http://www.dio.org/familylife/events.html>.

COME JOIN OUR



A Bible Study on the Blessed Mother, hosted by Kate Weber, will begin on Thursday, January 11, at 6:30pm, at St. Anthony High School, room 101.

A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son.

Following the Study of Mary, a 5-week Biblical walk through the Mass will be covered. We will explore the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explain the profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. Please join us on our journey. To register for either session or both, call St. Anthony Church, at 347.7129. Everyone welcome.

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

Parish Calendar Events

Monday, Jan. 1

Parish office closed

Thursday, Jan. 4

6:00pm: Liturgy Committee @ Sacred Heart Lower Level

Sunday, Jan. 7

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

Readings for the Week:

Monday, Jan. 1: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday, Jan. 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday, Jan. 3: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, Jan. 4: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Friday, Jan. 5: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, Jan. 6: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

Sunday, Jan. 7: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, Jan. 1

9:30am: For Our Parishioners

5:00pm Spanish Mass: Hilma Goeckner

Tuesday, Jan. 2

7:15am: Silas Alldredge

Wednesday, Jan. 3

8:30am: Dixie Baker

Thursday, Jan. 4

7:15am: Verena Kreke

Friday, Jan. 5

7:15am: In thanksgiving for prayers answered

Saturday, Jan. 6

4:00pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): Living & deceased members of the Donald & Lucille Rentfrow family

Sunday, Jan. 7

8:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): Ruth Hardiek

10:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): Bernard Schallert

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

7:00pm Spanish Mass (Fr. Paul Habing) Hilma Goeckner

Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7:00pm, in the Sacred Heart Lower Level. Any questions, concerns, or items for discussion can be submitted at least 1 week before the meeting to Tal.Rozene@gmail.com.

Effingham Area High School Youth . . .

The Effingham Area Catholic High School Youth Group will be on break until Jan. 14. Wishing you a Happy New Year.

Seats are still available for the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

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.



Young Hearts Potluck will be held on Tuesday, January 16, at noon, at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a nice lunch and fellowship. Meat is furnished, so bring your favorite side dish and join us. Any questions, call the parish office.

We are scheduling Mass intentions for the entire year of 2018. You can schedule two for a weekend Mass and three during the weekday. If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary and need a specific day, please call as soon as possible as several weekend dates are already scheduled. Please contact Darlene at 347.7177 to make arrangements.

We invite families to join the Family Choir to sing at the 8:30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month.



Contact Judy Bergfeld at 821.6324 for rehearsal times. This opportunity is open to all parish and school families that would like to sing together as a group and lead the congregation.

School News

A note from Mrs. Wenthe and SHS staff . . .



A special thank you for the many gifts we received over the Advent season. We are very blessed to have so many wonderful students, dedicated parents/grandparents, generous parishioners, and our special friends of Sacred Heart. *We are truly blessed.*

As we reflect on this past month, our annual Christmas program was a huge success with the students doing an outstanding performance for a packed gym. The evening concluded with our technology raffle drawing which will provide additional funding for our technology. Students from grades K-2 donated many baby gifts which were given to Catholic Charities to be distributed to families in need. Grades 3-5 donated items to our local Family Life Center to stock their shelves with gifts for new parents and infants. Jr. high students donated items for the Advent Angel project which were included in gift packages for our nursing homes, assisted living, and homebound residents.

For a special treat this year, students in grades K-3 enjoyed the movie *Star* and grades 4-8 enjoyed the movie *Wonder*. The story line of each of the movies contained many life lessons and offered the students a Christian message of Jesus' love for them and the importance of treating others with kindness. In January, the Effingham Library will provide a copy of the book *Wonder* for each student to read and discuss in class. A special thank you to our Effingham library for their help.

And, a special thank to our Sacred Heart PTA for giving each of the students a commemorative 125th anniversary ornament and a visit with Santa.

From the staff of Sacred Heart School, we wish you and your family a happy and healthy new year. We hope you have a relaxing break during the holidays and we will see you on Thursday, Jan. 4.



School Calendar

Tuesday, Jan. 2

4:15pm: Volleyball vs. St. Elmo @ home

Thursday, Jan. 4

School resumes

4:00pm: Volleyball vs. Trinity Stewardson @ home

6:15pm: Gr. 7/8 Boys Basketball @ Dieterich

Friday, Jan. 5

6:15pm: Gr. 5/6 Boys Basketball @ home



Thank you to everyone who purchased SCRIP Cards and the extra volunteers who sold them at the weekend Masses. SCRIP cards will be sold in the church office on Wednesday, from 9:00am to 4:30pm,

and at the Baseball Card Connection in downtown Effingham during regular business hours.

Coming soon . . . We're adding the option to purchase SCRIP cards online using auto withdrawal from your checking account. Parents and grandparents of SHS students can also earn credit toward their child's 2019-2020 tuition with each SCRIP Card purchased in 2018. *Watch the bulletin and your email for additional information.*



Congratulations to our SHS "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster winners. In ages 5-7, Cora B. was awarded first place. In ages 8-10, Gracie H. was awarded first place and Alec H. was awarded third place. The Effingham K of C Council presented their awards on Wednesday, Dec. 20, in a special ceremony. *Way to go!*

Congratulations to Adam F. for placing first in the boys age 10-11 age bracket in the Elks Hoop Shoot. He will compete in the next level on Jan. 14. Good luck!!

Help Wanted: Sacred Heart School is hiring part-time help in our Clubhouse after-school program, with a flexible schedule 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.

Courses for all Catholics - University of Dayton Online Learning – Cycle 1 begins January 14, 2018. The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), is a program of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton which offer adult faith formation classes. Our partnership with the University of Dayton allows the people of our diocese to take these classes at half price. These adult faith formation courses support the Church's catechetical ministry and are for all Catholics. This means that you can deepen your faith 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. Classes for the 2018 year (Cycle 1) starts on Jan. 14 through Feb. 17, 2018. Registration for Cycle 1- 2018 continues through Jan. 10, 2018. For more information, visit the VLCFF web site (vlcff.udayton.edu) or contact the Office for Catechesis, 217.698.8500.

Fr. Michal will be making communion calls to the homebound on Thursday, Jan. 4. If you are unable to attend Mass and would like Fr. Michal to bring communion, please call the parish office.

Prayer requests . . . We ask you to please pray for those who are ill, in the hospital, nursing home, or recovering from surgery. 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. Beginning in January, we will keep them on the list for one month and remove them unless notified. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the parish office.

~ **Prayer List** ~

Amanda McKinney, Kimberly Poe, Barb Sims, Frank Kemo, Bryce Beccue, Catherine Began, Lydia Hemrich, Rosie Myers, Caroline Hoene, Barbara Jansen, Mary Ellen Eversman, Debbie Myers, Emily McCabe, Harold Poe, Gertrude Alldredge, Eric Hartke, Katie Kroeger, Tom Pruemer, 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, 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, Michael Habing, Billie Tanner, Kyle Schroeder, Dan L. Feldhake, Larry Robards

Community Events . . .

Taste of T-Town will be Saturday, Jan. 13, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. There will be great food and local entertainment. Tickets are on sale at the St. Francis Parish office. Proceeds benefit Catholic Heart Work Camp students.

Annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be Sunday, Jan. 14, from 7:00am to 12:30pm, at the Teutopolis Grade School. All you can eat whole hog sausage breakfast for a free-will offering. Call Liz at 273.9677 to volunteer or for information.

Catholic Charities presents “Arabian Nights” on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 5:30pm to 11:00pm, at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Enjoy an evening of fun with dinner, raffles, and dancing to the music of *Three River Roll*. A special performance by Jansen's Dance Team. The cocktail social begins at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:30pm. For tickets or additional information, contact Catholic Charities at 857.1458 or please email Rachael McWhorter at crmcwhorter10@hotmail.com.

Third Annual Butterfly Ball “Masquerade” will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Keller Convention Center. There will be live and silent auctions, along with a Butterfly Raffle. There are several sponsorship opportunities to help support this fundraiser. For more information, contact Ashley Dillingham, Home Care/Hospice Marketing Specialist at 217.994.3397 or email ashley.dillingham@hshs.org. Proceeds benefit HSHS Hospice Southern Illinois.

Effingham K of C youth activities raffle fundraiser is in progress. 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. Grand prize will be drawn at the Egyptian Collectors Trade Show on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 2:00pm. Contact Greg Koester at 821.7731 for tickets.

St. Valentine's at the Villa ~ Come celebrate St. Valentine's Day with other dating, engaged, and married couples on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 5:30pm. Drinks, dinner, and comedy entertainment is only \$50 per couple! For more information and to register for this event, go to <http://www.dio.org/familylife/events.html>.

*As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday,
let us remember that God's love for us is reflected
in the love for each other in the family.*

The next Marriage Encounter weekend in the St. Louis area is on February 2-4. The next weekend in Springfield, IL is on March 23-25. To register or for more information, call 314.649.7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.



Parishioner updates . . .

Please help us keep in touch by letting us know of any changes in your address, email addresses, and phone numbers. If you have discontinued your landline phone number, please contact the parish office with your current phone number or send an email to shchurch@sheff.org.

Also, if you are snowbirds for the winter, please let us know if you would like your mail forwarded to your winter address.

With the upcoming 125th anniversary events, capital campaign, and church restoration project, we will be sending periodic emails to keep parishioners updated. If you have not received previous emails from Sacred Heart Church and would like to be added to our Constant Contact list, please contact Christy Hakman at c.hakman@sheff.org or call the parish office.

The Immigration Project is conducting a workshop for legal permanent residents who are ready to become a U.S. citizen on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, at Christ the King Parish, 1930 Barberry Dr., Springfield, IL. A citizenship workshop is where an initial and final legal assessment is made and all pertinent USCIS applications are completed. Please bring along all documents to verify the information. For more information, please email Christine Howe at chowe@immigrationproject.org.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2018 summer Totus Tuus staff in the diocese. Totus Tuus hires college students and seminarians to staff teams that will travel throughout this diocese and neighboring dioceses over the course of the summer to present the Totus Tuus program to students in grades 1-12. There is a 10-day training program that starts on May 30 at Villa Maria. The commitment is through July 28 with a break over the week of the Independence Day holiday. For more information about the role of the summer staff or to bring Totus Tuus to your parish, please contact Kyle Holtgrave at 217.698.8500, ext. 154, or visit <http://www.dio.org/youthministry/staff-information.html>.

Tune into WGMR 91.3 FM, our local Catholic radio station, which features a wide variety of Catholic programming every day: National call-in shows where people of any faith can ask questions, news updates from the Vatican and around the world, the ability to listen and pray along with the rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and the Mass at least once a day, and much more! Tune in to 91.3FM.

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.

Sunday Collection Income	12/24/2017 & Christmas	Budgeted
Offering (200 Env.)	\$12,150.00	\$10,570.00
Loose	\$3,903.00	\$1,610.00
Holy Days	\$14,314.00	\$18,080.00
Total	\$30,367.00	\$30,260.00
Weekly Difference		\$107
YTD Totals	\$313,500	\$333,020
YTD Difference		(\$19,520)



The 2017-2018 Annual Catholic Services Appeal "ACSA" goal for our 2017-18 ASCA 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. 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 \$27,127, leaving a balance of \$23,003.**

Please make a donation to help us meet our goal.

Christmas Flower Memorials

In memory of . . .

Living & Deceased Members of the
 Louis & Lucile Hoedebecke Family
 Living & Deceased Members of the
 Clarence & Lorraine Burford Family
by Marion Burford

Catholic Children's Home in Alton continues their mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic, and basic needs of all the children sent for care and professional services. The children simply have had no place to call home and are some of the most vulnerable in our society. Please support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and contribute your donation in the envelope provided in your December packet.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1.

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