

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

Volunteers from Sacred Heart, St. Anthony, and St. Mary parishes are invited to the Effingham Event Center this Sunday, January 28, at 12:30pm, for an appreciation luncheon. I hope to see you there for the food and fellowship.



I would like to welcome the St. Hildegard Von Bingen Schola with Le Petite Flamme, to the 5:30pm Mass, on Sunday, Jan. 28. The St. Hildegard's are a choir of young ladies, ages 11 to 18, whose mission is to spread the Gospel message of Christ singing the sacred music of the Church at Mass and in concert.

I am going to extend the date for "Koleđa" visits, so please contact me at the parish office if you would like a blessing and a visit. I have really enjoyed visiting and getting to know your families!



Please join us for Adoration on Monday, Feb. 5, at 7:00pm, at Sacred Heart Church and spend time in quiet prayer. Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. 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.

Mark your calendar for a Sacred Heart Parish Mission beginning with the Masses on March 10-11 and continuing Monday-Wednesday with presentations by Fr. Chuck Edwards on stewardship and discipleship. Fr. Chuck, pastor of St. Anthony Parish, previously was the diocesan director with the Office for Stewardship and Discipleship. Please, make plans now to attend this mission and hear the powerful message on how to connect with your parish.



Looking ahead to our Lenten season, on Good Friday at 12:10pm, we will have Stations of the Cross and the Good Friday liturgy will be celebrated at 6:00pm. I make this change so this will give everyone the opportunity to attend and will allow the proper amount of time and reverence to celebrate this special liturgy.

We are looking for a volunteer to create the bulletin each week. The individual needs to be proficient in Microsoft Publisher. Please contact me for more details.



*Staff & Volunteer Appreciation  
Celebration to the staff and volunteers  
of Sacred Heart, St. Anthony,  
and St. Mary's Parishes!*

All volunteers are invited to a luncheon & fellowship on Sunday, Jan. 28, from 12:30pm to 2:00pm, at the Effingham Event Center (formerly the Effingham Knights of Columbus).

Lunch will be served at 12:30pm with fellowship until 2:00pm. Chicken & fish, drinks, and dessert will be provided. Sacred Heart attendees are asked to bring dips/appetizers.

This will be a great opportunity to meet and welcome Fr. Chuck Edwards and Fr. Ron Lorilla to the Effingham community, and to help Sacred Heart Parish celebrate their 125th anniversary. No RSVP is necessary.

Parents with Catholic students in 2nd and 8th grades are required to attend the God Is! Retreat. The retreat is on Sunday, Feb. 25, from noon to 4:30pm, 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.



Alumni Mass and Breakfast is Sunday, February 11, at 8:30am.

We invite all Sacred Heart School alumni to attend the Mass, and to be recognized and receive a blessing from Fr. Michal. All graduates and their families are also invited to join us for a light breakfast in the parish center. Tours of Sacred Heart School will be given, and we encourage alumni to peruse our memorabilia display, check out the classrooms, and reminisce! Formal invitations have been mailed and/or emailed to those alumni for whom we have updated contact information. If you have not yet provided your information, and would like to receive more information regarding the event, please email alumni@sheff.org. We look forward to celebrating our 125th anniversary with all SHS alumni!

~ Restoration Update ~

As we mentioned in previous weeks, 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 each week before all of the Masses. In addition, this same information will be published in the bulletin.

***This week we are addressing your thoughts about the efficiency of our windows and doors.***

Like many of you with regards to your own homes, inefficient windows and doors can cause a significant increase in your energy bills. Here at Sacred Heart Church, our single-pane upper windows that circle our nave, are wasting energy, and they do nothing to prevent blinding sunlight from streaming in during Masses at certain times of the year. With the restoration, we plan to remove all of our single-pane upper windows and install new energy-efficient windows. We will shorten the windows by six inches to allow for additional flashing, which will prevent leaking. We will also SLIGHTLY darken the windows with a special removable tinting. We understand there is a worry that tinting the windows will block out the natural light in the church – but let me assure you that this will not block out the sunlight. It will reduce the blinding sunlight and reduce our energy costs. And, IF in the future, we decide to add any stained glass to our upper windows, the tinting can be easily removed.

The multiple entry doors, too, are inefficient, and some have gaps about ¼ of an inch wide or more which allows seasonably hot or frigid cold air to pass through. This increases our energy costs even more. As a result, we plan to replace the current doors with new, energy-efficient and code-compliant, handicap-accessible doors made of glass and aluminum. These new doors will make entry and exit easier, while providing a significant energy savings.

We mentioned last week that we have requested an analysis of our current lighting and the expected savings with transitioning to LED lights. Similarly, we have asked local experts to help us estimate the cost savings of installing new doors and windows.

*As always, if you have questions regarding our upcoming restoration project, please contact Fr. Michal, me, or any of the committee members. Thank you for your time and may God bless us as we work to restore the Church.*

**The next Natural Family Planning Class will be held on Feb. 10: from 2:30-4:00pm, at St. Anthony, Effingham.** To register or for more information, call Kate Pruemer at 821.1840.

**A Pre-Cana workshop will be held at St. Mary's Church in Sainte Marie on March 17.** There is a fee of \$50 for the day, which includes a meal and materials. If you would like to attend, please to [www.stemariechurch.org](http://www.stemariechurch.org) for a registration form or call 618.455.3155.

**Protecting God's Children Workshops**  
**St. Isidore Parish, Bishop**  
Monday, Feb. 5, at 6:30pm ~ Call 925.5788 to register.

The next **Marriage Encounter** weekend in the St. Louis area is on Feb. 2-4. To register or for more information, call 314.649.7317 or go online to [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org).

**DeColores Spring Weekends**

Say yes to a 3-day beautiful experience at Camp Walter Scott. Share inspiring talks, renew your faith, and make new friends. For more information, please call Mary Sur at 342.2003.

**Men's Weekend is April 5-8.** The lay leader is Steve Kidd, 618.922.9751 or [olmckidd@hotmail.com](mailto:olmckidd@hotmail.com).

**Women's Weekend is April 12-15.** The lay leader is Mary Jo Orme, 343.7312 or [maryjoorme@gmail.com](mailto:maryjoorme@gmail.com).

**Effingham County Right to Life**  
***Please pray for an end to abortion***

**The front steps of St. Anthony Church will be filled with "Luminaries for Life" this weekend on January 27-28 to commemorate the tragic court decision that legalized abortion.** As you view the luminaries, consider that they illustrate the number of abortions done every 3 hours in the United States. Please pray and ask God to help all mothers and fathers tempted by abortion. A special thank you to the students from Sacred Heart and St. Anthony parishes for creating the luminaries.

**Our next pro-life meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 13, which will include touring the Crisis Nursery of Effingham County.** Please join us to learn about this important service agency in our community. We will meet at the St. Anthony Parish Center for a brief meeting at 6:30pm, then we'll drive to the Crisis Nursing for a tour by Meghan Rewers, the Executive Director.



***A word from Pope John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion . . .***

“Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope... The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation” (*Evangelium Vitae*, no. 99). Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5.

### 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

**Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will host their annual luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at noon.** All ladies of the parish are invited for soup and sandwiches with a brief meeting to follow. Nancy Liss, a local yoga instructor, will do a presentation on gentle yoga. For those ladies who work full-time, this is a great opportunity to enjoy a meal with fellow parishioners and catch up on CCW activities.



**Father-Daughter Sweetheart Dance will be held on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, at the Effingham Event Center.** Pictures will be taken from 12:30pm to 1:00pm. All preschool-grade 8 girls and their father/special friend are invited. \$5.00 per person. Return form with payment by Feb. 8 as the price increases to \$7.50 per person after that date. *This dance is sponsored by Sacred Heart and St. Anthony Parishes.*

**Invest in Kids Act Illinois Scholarship Tax Credit**  
**For those families that could use some help with their tuition, the application will be open at noon, on Jan. 31 (date change).** Families on free/reduced lunch should qualify as well as other school families. SGO can only give out money that is given to this Illinois Scholarship Tax Credit and once the money have been awarded, there will not be any additional scholarships given out for the year, so apply on Jan. 31, if you think your family qualifies. There is complete information on the "Invest In Kids" insert which is in the literature rack in the back of church and on the diocesan website at [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org).

### Parish Calendar Events

#### Sunday, Jan. 28

12:30pm: Sacred Heart, St. Anthony & St. Mary's  
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner @ The Event Center

#### Wednesday, Jan. 31

6:30pm: PSR Class @ St. Anthony High School

#### Thursday, Feb. 1

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

#### Sunday, Feb. 4

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

4:00pm: Effingham Area Youth Group  
@ Sacred Heart Lower Level

### Readings for the Week:

Monday, Jan. 29: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, Jan. 30: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3;  
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, Jan. 31: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, Feb. 1: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday, Feb. 2: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40  
or 2:22-32

Saturday, Feb. 3: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, Feb. 4: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;  
Mk 1:29-39

### Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

#### **Monday, Jan. 29**

7:15am: Wayne & Mary Tipword

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 30**

7:15am: Dorothy Wiedman

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 31**

8:30am: Charles & Agnes Bushue

9:30am: All-Schools Mass @ St. Anthony High School

#### **Thursday, Feb. 1**

7:15am: Rita Marie Hunnicutt

#### **Friday, Feb. 2**

7:15am: Fr. Victor Kingery, OFM

#### **Saturday, Feb. 3**

4:00pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): Living & deceased members  
of the Bob & Ann Overbeck family

#### **Sunday, Feb. 4**

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

10:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): John Cordes

5:30pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): Bud & Adeline Schwerman

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



### Rest In Peace

*We extend our sympathy to the  
family & friends of*  
**Louis J. Feldhake**

## School News . . .

### Catholic Schools Week

This weekend, we kick off Catholic Schools Week at our 10:30am Mass with students participating in the ministries. Activities are planned throughout the week. Bishop Paprocki and area priests will celebrate an *All-Schools Mass* on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 9:30am, at St. Anthony High School. *Everyone is welcome.*



**Sacred Heart School will host its annual Open House and Kindergarten Sneak Peek on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 5:00-7:00pm.**

Join us to *Discover the Difference* and to learn more about Sacred Heart School's preschool through grade 8 programs. Our school-wide Open House will feature tours of our facilities (led by SHS students), technology demonstrations, Q&A with teachers, parents, and students, and much more. The Kindergarten Sneak Peek is a one-hour presentation regarding our exceptional kindergarten program. Students and parents will learn about the class structure, curriculum, expectations, etc. and will receive a special gift during the event. Registration is suggested so that we have materials prepared for each family. Please call us at 342.4060 to register for the Sneak Peek.

Let us show you the benefits of attending our Christ-centered learning environment. Teachers and staff at Sacred Heart School foster the same morals and values found in your Christian homes, and we provide discipline in and out of the classrooms. If you know of someone who is considering a Catholic school for their child(ren), please encourage them to attend the Open House or even offer to bring them with you!

### School Calendar

#### Monday, Jan. 29

4:00pm: Volleyball @ Dieterich Jr-Sr High

#### Tuesday, Jan. 30

4:15pm: 5/6 Boys Basketball vs. Cowden @ home

6:30pm: 4-year old Preschool Winter Program  
@ Sacred Heart Parish Center

#### Wednesday, Jan. 31

9:30am: All-Schools Mass @ St. Anthony High School

4:00pm: Volleyball vs. Windsor @ home

6:30pm: 3-year old Preschool Winter Program  
@ Sacred Heart Parish Center

#### Thursday, Feb. 1

1:15pm: Adoration for Vocations @ S.H. Church

4:15pm: Volleyball @ Neoga

#### Friday, Feb. 2

Noon Dismissal ~ No lunch served

**Jan. 29 to Feb. 1** ~ 8th Gr. Boys Basketball Regionals

#### **Friday, Feb. 2 & Saturday, Feb. 3**

SHS Volleyball Shamrock Showdown @ SHS gym

Sacred Heart School is preregistering parishioners and current school families for Kids for Christ Preschool and kindergarten to plan for next year's enrollment. Tuition information and the registration paperwork will be sent home with students after the Open House on Feb. 13. If you have any questions about registration, please contact Christy Hakman at 347.7177. If you have not decided yet if you want to send your preschool or kindergarten child to school this fall or wait another year, we advise you to go ahead and preregister.

*Congratulations to our students making the jr. high second quarter honor roll. We're very proud of you!*

#### Grade 8

**High Honors:** Sean B., Chloe B., Eric D., Jackson D., Chase E., Tyler F., Madison G., Nina H., Grace K., Chloe K., Karson P., Ada R.

**Honors:** Chloe J., Jonathon Z.

#### Grade 7

**High Honors:** Matthew H., Joshua J., Airin P.

**Honors:** Giovanni B., Ann F., Brandon H., Josh M., Aidan T.

#### Grade 6

**High Honors:** Anna A., Jacob B., Drew H., Emma H., Finley P., Matthew V.

**Honors:** Zack H., Hunter R., Zoey R., Katie Z.

**Accelerated Reader** ~ The following students earned the most Accelerated Reading points in their class:

1st – Joel F. and Ethan P.

2nd – Lena H. and Madelyn R.

3rd – Elizabeth G.

4th – Parker T.

5th – Emily G.

6th – Matthew V.

7th – AJ H.

8th – Chloe J.

Parker T. was recognized for the most points in the primary grades and A.J. H. for the junior high! *Way to Go, Shamrocks!*

**Tuition receipt tax documents were sent home with your child.** The Illinois tuition tax credit law allows parents to claim a tax credit on tuition, books, and lab fees at public, private, and parochial schools. Taxpayers can annually claim a 25% credit on qualified educational expenses they incur over and above \$250, up to a maximum of \$500 per family. Tax credits can be claimed for any full-time student enrolled in a K-12 school, who is a resident of Illinois and is under 21 years of age.

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### **Community Events . . .**

**The James “Jim” Burford Soup Supper to help support the St. Hedwig Haus of Hospitality will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm, at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall.** The funds raised will be used to support the Catholic Worker houses in Charleston IL. These three houses (St. Hedwig, Dorothy Day, and Fr. Tolton) provide housing for women and children in need. A free-will offering is asked and you can have your pick of chili, chicken noodle, vegetable, or sauerkraut soup along with pork burgers, hot dogs, desserts, and a drink. There will be a bucket raffle, a large raffle to win a Chaise Rocker Recliner, Schwinn Tandem Bike, Master Grilling Package, Yard Package or a Henry .22 Rifle, as well as 50/50 drawings every half hour.

**Grove Township Community Center Soup Supper will be Saturday, Feb. 3, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.** Menu is chili or vegetable soup, dessert, and drink for \$4.00.

**St. Michael’s School will host a Trivia Night and Live Auction on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Four Parish Center in Sigel.** Doors open at 5:00pm with trivia to begin at 6:30pm. Cash prizes will be awarded to teams finishing in 1st and 2nd place. Cost is \$160 for a team of eight and you must be 21 years old to attend. There will also be a silent auction, 50/50 drawing, heads and tails game, and a wine pull. Food will be served for a free-will donation and drinks available for purchase. To sign up your team, please contact Betty Zumbahlen at 821.7653.

**Newman Breakfast will be on Sunday, Feb. 4, from 7:00am to noon, at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall.** The menu is whole hog sausage, scrambled and fried eggs, pancakes, and hash browns. Donations of raffle items, crafts, and baked goods is appreciated ~ call Kathy Hartke at 857.6282 or 821.7076. *Proceeds benefit over 80 Newman Centers in Illinois and offers college students a chance to gather and practice their Catholic faith.*

**Family Life Center’s 15th annual Broadway for Life fundraising event will be Saturday, Feb. 10, at Carriage House Event Center in Altamont.** Deb’s Catering will provide the meal for this popular dinner-theater experience. Dinner will be at 6:00pm and the show is from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Tickets are \$25 each. Call the Family Life Center at 342.5433 on Monday-Thursday between the hours of 9:00am to 5:00pm, or stop by the center at 605 Eden Ave, Effingham.

**St. Rose Catholic Church, Montrose, is having their annual breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 7:00am to noon.** Menu is whole hog sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, and a drink. There will be a country store, raffle, and mystery boxes. Prices are \$6.00 for a large plate and \$4.00 for a small plate.

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### **Community Events (cont’d)**

**St. Thomas Annual Soup Supper will be held on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 10:00am to 6:00pm, at the St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton.** Menu is chili & vegetable soup, hot dogs, ham sandwiches, desserts, and drinks. There will also be crafts, games, cake spin, basket stand and raffles.

**Holy Cross Catholic CYM are hosting a Mardi Gras Spaghetti Luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 11:00am to 1:00pm, at the Holy Cross Parish Center, Wendelin.** Meal includes spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, and King Cake. There will also be a basket, dessert, and cash raffles. Proceeds from the raffles will be used for their 2018 Mission Trip. Any questions, contact Kristi Sandschafer at 994.2754.

**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](mailto:ashley.dillingham@hshs.org). Proceeds benefit HSHS Hospice Southern Illinois.

**St. Clare Catholic Church, Altamont, is hosting a Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 18, from 7:30am to 12:00pm.** The menu includes sausage patties, country ham, eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, rolls, and drinks for a free-will donation.

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**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 to present the Totus Tuus program to students in grades 1-12. For more information, please contact Kyle Holtgrave at 217.698.8500, ext. 154, or visit <http://www.dio.org/youthministry/staff-information.html>.

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### **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.

### **~ Prayer List ~**

Billie Tanner, Kyle Schroeder, Dan L. Feldhake, Larry Robards, Betty Ann Koester, Kevin Ordner, Becky Ordner, Katie Kroeger, Esther & Lou Feldhake, Alice Watson, Elliot Minor, Bill Althoff, Fred Amacher, Joseph Kade, Mary Edwards

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

**The Effingham K of C Free Throw Contest will be at the Richard E. Workman Sports and Wellness Complex on Sunday, Jan. 28.** Registration will be at 1:30pm with the contest starting at 2:00pm. The contest is open to all youth ages 9 to 14. Contact Jerry Hecht at 246.1547, Bill Hoelscher at 343.1546, or Greg Koester at 821.7731 with any questions.

**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.

**The Council Spelling Bee is Saturday, Feb. 10, beginning at 1:00pm.** It is open to any student who has not yet completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact chairman Matt Poston at 217.821.9654 with any questions.

**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 before Feb. 21 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.

**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.

**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](mailto:chowe@immigrationproject.org).

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

**Fresh flowers will be displayed by the tabernacle in memory/honor of a family or special occasion throughout the year.** If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Vicki Walker at 821.6179 to schedule a date. **This weekend, flowers are donated in honor of Phil & Judy Luchtefeld on their wedding anniversary.**

Sunday Collection Income	21-Jan-18	Budgeted
Offering ( 181 Env.)	\$7,340.00	\$10,570.00
Loose	\$1,679.00	\$1,610.00
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$9,019.00	\$12,180.00
Weekly Difference		(\$3,161)
YTD Totals	\$376,454	\$381,740
YTD Difference		(\$5,286)



**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 \$33,197, leaving a balance of \$16,343.** Please make a donation to help us meet our goal.

**In your January packets, there is an envelope for Catholic Times.** This past week, the issue was dedicated to and highlighted Catholic schools (including Sacred Heart) within our diocese for Catholic Schools Week. Each week, keep informed with a message from Bishop Paprocki, religious articles, and updates on activities around the diocese. Please support their mission to reach out to all families in the Springfield Diocese and donate to Catholic Times.

**This weekend is the collection for the Church in Latin America.** Many people in Latin America and Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of rural terrain and a lack of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for them to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

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## Sacred Heart School to Celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 28-February 2

**Our annual, nation-wide celebration of Catholic Schools Week kicks off during the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, January 28, at Sacred Heart Church. This year's theme is *Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.***

**The students in preschool - grade 8 at Sacred Heart School are learning, serving, leading, and succeeding!**

**A variety of activities have been planned to demonstrate how Sacred Heart School is living out its mission to provide a high-quality education, foster faith formation, and to teach 'others before self.'**

**Sunday, Jan. 28: *Celebrating Our Parish:*** Students will participate in the 10:30am Mass serving as lectors, musicians, servers, and gift bearers. Following Mass, a Staff & Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held at the Effingham Event Center. Those who serve in the parish will be recognized for their gifts of time and talent.

**Monday, Jan. 29: *Celebrating Our Community:*** Students will write letters of encouragement and appreciation to many local charities who are doing the work of Jesus in the Effingham community. In addition, the students will begin their "Souper Bowl" service project to collect soups which will help to stock the Catholic Charities food pantry.

**Tuesday, Jan. 30: *Celebrating Our Students:*** Students will be allowed to "dress down" (including sweats, t-shirts, hats, crazy socks, etc.) instead of wearing their school uniforms. They will all take part in creating a unique display of their strongest virtues, and there will be no homework assigned!

**Wednesday, Jan. 31: *Celebrating Our Nation:*** The students will join together with other Catholic schools in the Deanery for a Mass at St. Anthony High School at 9:30am. Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki will celebrate the Mass. Following Mass, K-4 students from all the Catholic Schools will gather at St. Anthony Grade School for lunch, games, and fun activities. Grade 5-8 students will spend the afternoon at St. Anthony High School, taking part in educational and team building activities.

**Thursday, Feb. 1: *Celebrating Our Vocations:*** Students will discuss the many vocations that are available to them, and will spend time in prayer as they listen to God's calling for their lives. They will attend a one-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacred Heart Church.

**Friday, Feb. 2: *Celebrating Our Volunteers & Staff:*** There will be a staff luncheon, and it is a casual day for all teachers. The students will participate in a pep rally and volleyball game against the SHS staff in the school gymnasium.

*Contact Christy Hakman, Director of Marketing & Development, with any questions regarding Catholic Schools Week at Sacred Heart School.*



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January 23, 2018

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Priests, Deacons, Consecrated Religious, Seminarians and Parishioners,

I am pleased to inform you that almost \$30,000.00 was donated toward my "Running for Priestly Vocations" at the Indianapolis Marathon on November 4, 2017. In addition, I have received a check for \$12,000.00 from a generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, as the first installment on a pledged gift totaling \$72,000.00 towards the endowment in the Seminarian Education Fund of the Foundation for the People of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

The donor has asked that I express gratitude for this gift by sending this letter to all of our parishes, informing them that the gift has been made by an anonymous donor in honor, recognition and gratitude of the services provided to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and parishioners by its past and present priests. I gladly do so with my own expression of sincere appreciation for the services provided by our past and present priests. I am also deeply grateful to this devoted and thoughtful donor for helping to provide the resources needed to fund the formation and education of our future priests for years to come.

In this regard, I have asked our Diocesan Office for Development to begin working on a Capital Campaign for Seminarian Education. I am designating the \$72,000 received from the anonymous donor and the \$30,000 from my marathon "Running for Priestly Vocations" to be deposited in our Seminarian Education Fund, which means that we already have over \$100,000 before formally beginning the campaign.

We have been very blessed with a substantial increase in the number of seminarians studying to become priests for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. The proceeds from this Capital Campaign for Seminarian Education will relieve the demands on our diocesan annual operating budget so that we may continue to offer the wide range of pastoral services provided by the staff of our Catholic Pastoral Center.

May God bless our donors for their generous sacrificial giving!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois