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**ASH WEDNESDAY** ~ February 25 Mass Schedule: 7:00 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; 12:10 P.M and 7:00 P.M.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** ~ Fridays during Lent at 5:30 P.M at Sacred Heart Church

**PRESIDENTS' DAY** ~ Monday, February 16 ~ Parish Office Closed.

**YOUNG HEARTS POTLUCK** will be Tuesday, February 17, at noon in the parish center. Cards and games will be played after lunch for those who wish to stay, so bring your favorite dish and maybe your favorite game. Hope to see you there.

**FINANCE COUNCIL** will meet on Thursday, February 19, at 5:30 P.M. in the lower level.

**BAPTISM CLASS** will be held on Tuesday, February 24, at 7:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Please call Darlene at 347-7177 to register.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL/PARISH OPEN HOUSE** ~ Join us on Sunday, March 1, after the 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Masses for coffee and donuts in the parish center. Take a tour of the school and see the different displays on the programs in our parish and its school. Mark your calendar now!

**FISH FRY SIGNUP** ~ Sign up sheets are in the back of church for all fish fries ~ Feb. 27, March 6, 13, and 27. Please volunteer for more than one, as much help is needed. This will also alleviate making phone calls.

**PRE-CANA CONFERENCE** will be held for Sacred Heart parishioners on Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Sacred Heart parishioners must register by April 16, after which time we will be taking reservations from couples of other parishes if any spaces remain. There is a maximum of 20 couples.

**WANTED:** A couple with a good marriage to give the talk on "Sex in Marriage" at our Pre-Cana day for engaged couples, Saturday, May 16. This is a worthwhile apostolate, helping young couples prepare for a lifetime of Catholic marriage. We also need a couple who will not be making a presentation, but who will assist with small group discussions throughout the day. Contact the parish office 347-7177.

**PARISHIONER UPDATES** ~ Call the parish office or e-mail address & phone number changes to: shchurch@sheff.org. Thank you.

**PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE** will be at the Catholic Newman Center of Charleston, EIU on Monday, February 16. Rosary will begin at 6:00 P.M. followed by a 6:30 P.M. Mass.

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE RUMMAGE SALE** will be on March 12-13 at the Effingham K of C. Items will be accepted on March 11 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Volunteers are needed along with donations of good, useable items. For more information, call 857-3060.

**ST. FRANCIS DAY OF PRAYER** will be on Sunday, February 22, from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. with closing Benediction at 4:45 P.M. at St. Francis Church, Teutopolis. For further information, call 857-6404.

**ST. ISIDORE PARISH** will be having a Parish Mission "Signed and sealed with the Cross" on Sunday, February 22, through Tuesday, February 24, at 7:00 P.M. at St. Aloysius Church, Bishop Creek. Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, will present the parish mission. Everyone is welcome.

**EFFINGHAM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** is conducting a Membership Blitz for the Major Degree to be held at the Effingham Knights of Columbus on March 1. All Knights are encouraged to offer the gift of membership and ask a friend or relative to join. Candidate registration is at 11:00 A.M. Lunch will be served with the First Degree starting at 12:00 noon followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees. Dinner will be served following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at around 5:00 P.M.

➤ Membership is available to all Catholic men who are at least 18 years of age and are one in communion with the Holy See and the Precepts of the Church. The Knights offer and encourage the opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship with other Catholic men and their families through prayer and service.

➤ Candidates must be proposed by a Knight in good standing and shall be accompanied by their proposer for the Major Degree. Dress is casual but no blue jeans or t-shirts. For more information, please contact Grand Knight Greg Koester at (217) 347-2716 or (217) 821-7731.

## Liturgy Schedule

### **Monday, February 16**

**7:15 A.M.:** Bernie Burford *by Marcie Burford*

### **Tuesday, February 17**

**7:15 A.M.:** William Brummer *by Frank & Marilyn Haarmann*

### **Thursday, February 19**

**8:30 A.M.:** Jerry & Paul Vonderheide *by Elaine Vonderheide*

### **Friday, February 20**

**7:15 A.M.:** John Walker *by family*

### **Saturday, February 21**

**4:00 P.M.:** Rosa Rieman *by Richard Rieman*

### **Sunday, February 22**

**8:30 A.M.:** Roger Probst *by family*

**10:30 A.M.:** Ginny Dasenbrock *by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kabbes*

**5:30 P.M.:** James W. Tolch *by Paula Tolch*

**7:00 P.M. Spanish:** Ronald Haring *by Mary Haring*

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# Effingham Catholic Schools Educational Fundraiser

Sacred Heart School in conjunction with St. Anthony Schools kicked off their annual Educational Fundraiser to raise needed funds to provide Catholic-based education in Effingham.

The winner chooses one of the following grand prizes:

- ◆ **\$20,000 Cash**
- ◆ **Ultimate “Game Room” with furniture and accessories** *W. S. Broom & Co.*
- ◆ **Trail Cruiser 26 QBH Bunkhouse Travel Trailer** *Crossroads RV*
- ◆ **2009 Sweetwater SW2186RE3 boat, trailer and cover** *Lake Sara Marina*
- ◆ **14'x28' White Monterey Viking pool package** *W.E.T. Pools & Spa*
- ◆ **Outbuilding package** *Niebrugge Lumber Co.*
- ◆ **Kubota tractor & lawn package** *Bahrns Equipment*
- ◆ **2009 Pontiac Vibe** *Poland Pontiac-Buick*
- ◆ **2009 GMC Sierra** *Braunecker Cadillac-GMC*
- ◆ **2009 Dodge Journey** *Goeckner Brothers Dodge*
- ◆ **2009 Ford Focus** *Northside Ford*
- ◆ **2009 Chevrolet Malibu** *Dan Hecht Chevrolet-Toyota*
- ◆ **2009 Rocker C Harley Davidson motorcycle** *Legacy Harley Davidson*
- ◆ **Big Game Trip** *Cabella*

*Plus other prizes . . .*

**First place:** All-inclusive trip for 2 to Cancun (\$1,500 Value) **OR** \$1,500 student tuition credit  
**4 -** \$500 prizes donated by Effingham Knights of Columbus; **2 -** \$250 prizes; **15 -** \$100 prizes

**Tickets are \$50 and are available at the schools, church offices, and any school family.**

*All proceeds benefit Catholic Education!*

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**FIRST COLLECTION** for the Effingham Catholic Schools is complete! We received 667 tickets for a total of \$33,350 in sales which is 146 tickets (\$7,300) down from last year at this time.

Top teams included:

1. Greg/Deanna Nuxoll \$ 7,200
2. Jim/Cathy Bierman \$ 4,600
3. Gail/Marlene Bushue \$ 3,150
4. Bob/Tammy Utz \$ 2,850
5. Chuck/Jan Schuette \$ 2,650

The winner of the early bird drawing was Jean Enlow from Pennsylvania. She receives a free ticket along with the St. Anthony Alumni team. The seller of the winning ticket was Fr. Leo who wins the \$250 in cash. Congratulations to Jean and Fr. Leo!

If you need tickets, please stop by the parish offices, schools or contact the raffle committee. Let's keep the sales going! Our kids are counting on us. The next collection date is Sunday, Feb. 22, from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at St. Anthony Parish Center.

If you have any questions, contact Greg and Deana Nuxoll 881-0023; Tim & Sherry Schuette 342-3475 or Michael & Mandy Tegeler 342-3765.

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## EDUCATIONAL FUNDRAISER DINNER AND DANCE

Effingham Knights of Columbus

**Saturday, March 14**

Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. ~ *Menu:* Smothered chicken breast, pork loin w/molasses sauce, cranberry tossed salad/tossed salad, new potatoes w/parsley & butter, caramelized carrots, honey wheat rolls, lemonade and tea

Educational Fundraiser drawing at 8:00 P.M.

Dance to the music of Friction starting at 8:30 P.M.

Dance tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased at the Sacred Heart Parish Office located at 405 S. Henrietta Street, or call 347-7177 to reserve your table. Tickets purchased after March 6 will be \$30 per person. Stop by to get your tickets now.

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## MOMS-N-MORE

Several couples from the Moms-n-More group will be making a “date night” at the Educational Fundraiser Dinner/Dance on Saturday, March 14. If you would like to come, meet several new families, and enjoy an evening out, contact Darlene at the parish office to get tickets. We would love to see you there.

**RURAL KING** will host their annual Church Week Promotion. 5% of all receipts turned into the parish office from purchases made between February 16-22 will be donated to the church.

### **A NOTE FROM MSGR. STEFFEN . . .**

A Pilgrimage to Egypt and the Holy Land with Msgr. Steffen is planned from March 11-25 in cooperation with "Totally Yours Pilgrimages," P.O. Box 897, Hillsdale, IL 60162. The following venues will be visited: The Pyramids, St. Sergius (Holy Family), St. George, Zeitun, Mount Sinai, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Mount of Olives, Chapel Ascension, Church of Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit- Garden of Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, Cana, Mount of the Beatitudes, Jordan river, Mount Tabor, boat ride Sea of Galilee.

*Options and Price for Pilgrimage are:*

- a) March 11 - 25, 2009 (15 days) \$ 2,995
- b) March 15 - 25, 2009 (11 days, Israel Only) \$ 2,595

If interested contact: "Totally Yours" at 630-279-8424 or e-mail: totally.yours@att.net website: www.medj1.com or Msgr. Steffen at 618-887-4535.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### **Sigel St. Michael Swine and Dine**

Sigel St. Michael School  
Sunday, February 22, from 7:00 A.M. to noon  
Whole hog sausage, eggs, buttermilk pancakes, drinks  
Country store with baked, craft, and raffle items  
All proceeds benefit the school

#### **St. Clare Whole Hog Sausage Breakfast**

St. Clare Catholic Church, Altamont  
Sunday, February 22, from 7:30 A.M. to noon  
Whole hog sausage patties, ham, biscuits & gravy  
Country store, 50/50 drawing and quilt raffle

#### **St. Thomas Annual Soup Supper**

St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton  
Sunday, February 22, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.  
Chili & vegetable soup, sandwiches, dessert, drink  
Big raffle, bingo, crafts, games, baked goods

**VISIT YOUR LOCAL LEGISLATOR!** Stand up for your Catholic values. Attend legislative action days on March 3 and 4 in Springfield. This event is sponsored by the Chicago Province Council of Catholic Women. Stay at the Mansion View Inn, tour the Governor's Mansion, have lunch, and stay for the general sessions at the Inn. Mass at the Church of the Little Flower will be at 4:00 P.M. followed by a reception with legislators and dinner. Contact Carol Mills 342-6538 for registration forms.

### **MINISTRY RENEWAL COMMITMENT**

Forms are available in church. Mark the ministries that you are currently active in, and choose the ones that you would like to try. Volunteers are an integral part of achieving all our goals, so please consider becoming more involved. If you have any ministries you would like to add, please do so on the bottom of the sheet. We welcome new ideas.

### **SACRED HEART COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

*February 2 Meeting Notes*

The meeting was held at noon in the parish center with lunch being served for 17 members. Reports and minutes were read and accepted. The Spring Rummage Sale Committee will meet with officers to consider a new layout to showcase the clothing better.

#### **Old Business**

A new roaster, insulated container, and fish fryer has been purchased and will be used at upcoming Fish Fries. The new fryer has been installed and moveable table will be purchased for \$264 and will be added soon. The grill was moved to the lunchroom kitchen. A new blade for the can opener in the kitchen will be purchased.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

March 3 & 4 – Chicago Province CCW Legislative Action Day in Springfield.

March 10 – Effingham Deanery CCW at St. Anthony Parish at 6:15 P.M.

#### **New Business**

- ❖ If you have not sent in your Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) postcards, please do so now.
  - ❖ \$25 for dues will be sent to Effingham County Right to Life Committee.
  - ❖ The picnic dinner involves many volunteers. Thank you to Mary Ann Sanders who has coordinated the dinner for many years, however, will not be doing so this year. The suggestion has been made to have several people take care of different areas (ex. kitchen, dining room, workers list, etc.). Anyone willing to help organize should contact Carol Mills.
  - ❖ The price of fish has increased; therefore, the Fish Fry adult ticket price will be \$6.50 with the child's price remaining the same. There was discussion on how to split the proceeds, but no decision was made. CCW has been paying expenses for the church along with upgrades in the kitchen. PTA donates their profits for school equipment and activities. One thing noted was that more volunteers are needed to work at the Fish Fries as several families work several shifts and also bring desserts for more than one of the fish fries.
- Thank you to our February committee of Mary Beth Hoene and Doris McDevitt. The next meeting is the Salad Supper with the St. Anthony CCW on Tuesday, April 14, at 6:30 P.M.

## WEEKLY OFFERING ~ February 7-8

	<u>Weekly Total</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Envelopes ~ 290	\$ 12,536.25	\$ 390,445.49
Loose	\$ 1,363.60	\$ 49,492.18
Children ~ 42	\$ 35.05	\$ 1,068.80
Adopt-A-Student	\$ 128.00	\$ 10,379.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,062.90</b>	<b>\$ 451,385.47</b>
<b>Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 14,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 454,400.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>- \$ 137.10</b>	<b>- \$ 3,014.53</b>

### Comparison to 1 Year Ago (YTD)

<u>Total YTD 2008-09</u> <u>07-01-08 to 02-08-09</u>	<u>Total YTD 2007-08</u> <u>07-01-07 to 02-03-08</u>	<u>Difference for YTD</u> <u>07-08 to YTD 08-09</u>
<b>\$ 451,385.47</b>	<b>\$ 429,380.83</b>	<b>\$ 22,004.64</b>

### EXTREME MAKEOVER CAMPAIGN

Pledges	Donated YTD	Pledged Amount
565	\$ 557,904.74	\$ 1,570,241.01

**THANK YOU** to the Ivan Hayes family for the \$615 memorial donation to Extreme Makeover Campaign.

**THANK YOU** for the generous donation of "change" amounting to over \$4000 for the mission trip to Bolivia. It will go a LONG way to help with some of their basic needs. This will not only put smiles on their faces but hope in their hearts. Keep us in your prayers until we return safely on February 19.

*Carol Toney & Tim Schuette-Sacred Mission Team*

### DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP . . .

If so, help SHS earn \$\$\$\$ by using SCRIP cards. All you have to do is fill out the order form available online or get a form at the school or parish office. Or, you can go to the Baseball Card Connection downtown to purchase them. Most of the cards are in stock! It's a very simple way to raise funds for SHS!

**LIFE TEEN** **Game Night:** Friday, Feb. 20, at 7:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Gym.

**Alpha/Omega:** The retreat dates are March 13-15 at Camp Walter Scott. Contact Rob Grupe for an application.

## Sponsor of the Week

### Andes



**Health Mart**  
PHARMACY

805 W. Fayette  
Effingham, IL  
342-9393

## SCHOOL NEWS

**READ THIS BOOK!** One of our former students, Jessica Burkhart, has her Canterwood Crest Series of books published. Check it out on her official website [www.jessicaburkhart.com](http://www.jessicaburkhart.com). We recently received a thank you to SHS for the solid foundation she received while attending Sacred Heart School.

**GRADE 1 RECEIVES FLAGS** ~ Our local 40 et 8 distributed American flags to our first graders yesterday. Thank you, gentlemen!

**VOLLEYBALL TEAM EIGHTH GRADE NIGHT** We will honor the eighth grade volleyball team members, next Tuesday, Feb. 17, at their last regular season home VB game. Come & support the lady netters at 4:15 P.M.

**BOYS BASKETBALL** will host three games this week. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 16 & 17, at 6:00 P.M. and Thursday, Feb. 19, at 6:15 P.M. Stop by to catch a game.

**6TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL** will host the tournament Saturday, Feb. 21 through Thursday, Feb. 26.



## Prayer List

*Please pray for the sick and convalescing:* Ed Adams, Corky Bock, Lisa Crosson, Ava Gass, Leo & Helen Haarmann, Deanne Huey, Jeannie Meyers, Ada Mae Moran, Bob Moser, Brian A. Niebrugge, Eileen Overbeck, Lynn Petty, Barb Sims, Ronald Steinbach, Larry Weber, Lori Mathews, Rebekah Volk, Judy Reardon, Robert Yocum, Bernice Walk, Jesse Ketteman, Bertha T. Ordner, Melissa Fiscus, Tena Behrman, Geri Grunloh, Larry Rhodes, Janet Knabe, Amanda Swan, Quade Aldrich, Susanne Kronewitter, Irene Steppe, Mark Rogers, Doug Myers, Michelle Kuhl, Michael Platz, Cheryl Nuxoll, Bonnie Bushur, Mike Behrman, Tim Behrman, Jodi Waymoth, Chelsey Spruell, Ron Greene, Mirta Donnelly, Glenda Platz

