

EXTREME MAKEOVER ~ The Capital Campaign Committee met on Tuesday and are proud to announce that Sacred Heart Church roof will be replaced THIS YEAR and the Sacred Heart School debt will be paid IN FULL in 2009 as well. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a reality.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL/PARISH OPEN HOUSE ~ Please 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, learn about the computer lab, SMARTBoards, curriculum, and see the different displays from the King's Kids Preschool, kindergarten, and grades 1-8. Also, learn about the programs in our parish and its school along with the councils and committees that serve our parish.

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.

ART & ENVIRONMENT will meet at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 23, to decorate for Lent. We would appreciate your help.

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.

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.

VISIT YOUR LOCAL LEGISLATOR! Stand up for your Catholic values. Attend legislative action days on March 3 and 4 in Springfield. 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.

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 DEANERY CCW will gather on Tuesday, March 10, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Effingham. The evening will begin with Mass at 6:00 P.M. The guest speaker will be Vicki Compton from the Diocesan Office for Missions and she will share stories of mission work.

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. Candidate registration is at 11:00 A.M. Lunch will be served with the First Degree starting at 12:00 noon followed by the 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Dinner will be served following the 3rd 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. 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.



Rest in Peace

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Albert Buening and Ruth "Breiner" Cook.**

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, February 23

7:15 A.M.: Florent Cohorst *by Harry Bierman*

Tuesday, February 24

7:15 A.M.: For the deceased members of the Began family *by Tom & Ann Began*

Ash Wednesday, February 25

7:00 A.M.: Mary Ritchie *by family*

8:30 A.M.: George Bourgeois *by family*

12:10 P.M.: Ivan Hayes, Sr. *by Pat Hayes family*

7:00 P.M.: Chris Westjohn *by Phil & Deb Bierman family*

8:00 P.M. Spanish Mass: Ronald Haring *by Mary Haring*

Thursday, February 26

7:15 A.M.: Jim Kuhns *by Frank & Christine Kortte*

Friday, February 27

7:15 A.M.: George Lask *by family*

2:00 P.M. Lakeland Nursing Home Mass: Fletcher Jansen *by family*

Saturday, February 28

4:00 P.M.: Carl Heuerman *by family*

Sunday, March 1

8:30 A.M.: Robert Flood *by family*

10:30 A.M.: Louis Kinkelaar *by Tom & Dot Zumbahlen*

5:30 P.M.: Lester Gardewine *by Dan & Louise Eden family*

7:00 P.M. Spanish: John Pastor *by Fr. Spriggs*

~ LENT SCHEDULE ~

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ February 25 Mass Schedule

7:00 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; 12:10 P.M.; 7:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Spanish Mass

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009, and ends just prior to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 9, 2009, when the Easter Triduum begins. Lent is the principal penitential season in the Church year. All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self-denial (in addition to the Lenten regulations which follow), serious prayer, and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. ABSTINENCE ~ Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. FAST ~ Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

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

RECONCILIATION AT SACRED HEART CHURCH: Every Saturday one hour prior to Mass

FEED MY LAMBS . . .

. . . A Lenten Journey

As part of this Lenten observance, during an economic downturn, we focus on those who are most affected and struggling to meet their daily basic needs. We invite you to help those agencies who reach out to provide assistance in their ministry, such as Pro-Life & Family Life Center (*little baby outfits, diapers, wipes, lotions, bottles*), Catholic Charities (*canned food items, soups, detergents*), and Effingham County Humane Society (*dog & cat food, paper towels, treats, towels*). Items can be placed under the "Lenten giving trees" beginning Ash Wednesday. If you prefer to give monetary donations, please place those in the collection basket marked with whom the donation is to be given to.



SACRED HEART FISH FRY

Sacred Heart Parish Center

Friday, February 27, from 4:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Fish, macaroni & cheese or baked potato, slaw or applesauce, chips, drink and dessert.

Carry-outs available

Adults: \$6.50 ~ Children (age 12 and under) \$3.00

Ladies with names M-Z are asked to bring desserts.

Note: Sign up sheets are in the back of church for fish fries on March 6, 13, and 27. Please volunteer for more than one, as much help is needed. This will also alleviate making phone calls.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

LIFENetwork of S. Illinois will participate in National 40 DFL, 24-hour, peaceful prayer vigil from Wednesday, February 25 to Sunday, April 5, outside the "Hope" Clinic for Women in Granite City, IL across from the Gateway Regional Medical Center.

To participate, contact Mike Behnen, behnenm@htc.net, 618-939-4224 (LIFENetwork).

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES OPERATION RICE BOWL

As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, **Operation Rice Bowl**. Since 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the United States to pray, fast, learn and give as we increase our understanding of our global community. We will connect this understanding with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching throughout the Lenten journey. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones. Rice Bowls will be available in baskets in front of the altar and also in the back of church beginning Ash Wednesday.

CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

"Believe in the power of the Spirit of Love," speaks of the promising future of the Churches in Central & Eastern Europe. However, they need assistance to build churches, train and educate pastors and laypeople, sustain orphanages and evangelize children. They need financial support to build a strong foundation for their Catholic Church to grow in faith. Please give generously.

Effingham Catholic Schools Educational Fundraiser

Sacred Heart School in conjunction with St. Anthony Schools are selling tickets for 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!

NOTE: 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.

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.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING ~ February 14-15

	<i>Weekly Total</i>	<i>Total to Date</i>
Envelopes ~ 299	\$ 15,342.71	\$ 405,788.20
Loose	\$ 1,560.40	\$ 51,052.58
Children ~ 59	\$ 52.80	\$ 1,121.60
Adopt-A-Student	\$ 140.00	\$ 10,519.00
Total	\$ 17,095.91	\$ 468,481.38
Budget Goal	\$ 14,200.00	\$ 468,600.00
Difference	\$ 2,895.91	- \$ 118.62

Comparison to 1 Year Ago (YTD)

<i>Total YTD 2008-09 07-01-08 to 02-15-09</i>	<i>Total YTD 2007-08 07-01-07 to 02-10-08</i>	<i>Difference for YTD 07-08 to YTD 08-09</i>
\$ 468,481.38	\$ 445,930.24	\$ 22,551.14

RURAL KING original receipts can be turned in the Sacred Heart Parish office until March 2. Rural King will pay 5% of the total receipts on purchases made between February 16-22.

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, Hillside, 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 Fleuit- 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.medjl.com or Msgr. Steffen at 618-887-4535.

LIFE TEEN Alpha/Omega: The retreat dates are March 13-15 at Camp Walter Scott. Applications are in the back of church.

Life Night (March 1) Desert-ed: The goal for the night is to understand how the season of Lent is a time of preparation and purification.

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SCHOOL NEWS

READ NIGHT FOR K/1 will be held on Thursday, February 26, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Center.

P.T.A. will raffle a Nintendo Wii including a Wii Fit (over \$350 value plus warranty) as a fundraiser to help support the art and music programs at SHS. Tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5. Tickets will be sold at the Sacred Heart Fish Fries and are also available from all PTA members. Winner will be announced at the fish fry on March 27.

CONGRATULATIONS to the SHS six grade basketball team who won the 16-team Sigel St. Michael Basketball Tournament.

CONGRATULATIONS to the volleyball team for the third place finish at the Lucky Dog Tournament.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sigel St. Michael Swine and Dine

Sigel St. Michael School
Sunday, February 22, from 7:00 A.M. to noon

St. Clare Church Whole Hog Sausage Breakfast

St. Clare Catholic Church, Altamont
Sunday, February 22, from 7:30 A.M. to noon

St. Thomas Church Annual Soup Supper

St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton
Sunday, February 22, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

St. Francis Church Catholic Heart Work Camp Soup Supper

Teutopolis Knights of Columbus
Sunday, February 22, from 3:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

St. Mary's Church Brunch

St. Mary's Parish Center, Sainte Marie
Sunday, March 1, from 8:00 A.M. to noon

St. Michael School Basket Bingo

Sigel St. Michael Gym
Sunday, March 1, at 6:00 P.M. (*doors open 5:00 P.M.*)

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, Ron Greene, Mirta Donnelly, Glenda Platz, Evelyn Krone