

WELCOME CHRISTY HAKMAN ~ Sacred Heart Parish is excited to announce that Christy (Swingler) Hakman has been named our Director of Marketing Communications. Christy has over 12 years of experience in marketing communications. She will lead us in developing effective marketing plans to increase awareness of and to promote Sacred Heart Church and School within Effingham and surrounding communities. Christy will work closely with the parish and school staff as well as our various committees to create cohesive communications strategies, publications, online communications, increased volunteerism, and other marketing programs. Christy and her husband Tony have recently joined our parish family, and they have three children: Cara, a SHGS Kindergarten student; Nina, a King's Kids Pre-K student; and 1-year old son, Alec.

FEED MY LAMBS . . . 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. All of us are invited to help agencies that reach out to provide assistance, 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." If you prefer to give monetary donations, please place those in the collection basket and designate the preferred agency.

OPERATION RICE BOWL ~ We encourage every family to take home a Rice Bowl and fill it with your "loose change" and return them to the display in front of the altar. Donations will be given to the Catholic Relief Services who provides services and food to those around the world struggling to meet their needs.

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

SACRED HEART FISH FRY will be Friday, March 6, from 4:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Center. Menu is fish, macaroni & cheese or baked potato, slaw or applesauce, chips, drink and dessert. Carry-outs available. Adults: \$6.50 and children (age 12 and under) \$3.00. Ladies with names A-L are asked to bring desserts.

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

EASTER FLOWERS offering envelopes are in the March packets. Please indicate on the back of the envelope in memory/honor of a loved one. A special dedication page will be in the Easter bulletin.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE will be held at Sacred Heart Church, on Monday, March 16. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 P.M. followed by a 6:30 P.M. Mass. The business meeting will follow in the rectory. Our parishioners are encouraged to attend.

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. Sale hours are Thursday, March 12, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday, March 13, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Volunteers are needed along with donations of good, useable items. Men to carry heavy items would be so welcome. For more information, call 857-3060.

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.

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 Flevit-Garden of Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, Cana, Mount of the Beatitudes, Jordan river, Mount Tabor, boat ride Sea of Galilee.

Options and Price: 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.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 2

7:15 A.M.: Ella Donnelly by *Katie Kroeger*

Tuesday, March 3

7:15 A.M.: Glenn Formento family by *Joe & Carol Formenti*

Thursday, March 5

8:30 A.M.: Adele Niebrugge by *Janet Flach*

Friday, March 6

7:15 A.M.: William Brummer by *Andrew & Pat Gebben*

Saturday, March 7

4:00 P.M.: Mario & Louise Miramonti by *Jack & Gloria Ellis*

Sunday, March 8

8:30 A.M.: John Walker by *Pat Kreke*

10:30 A.M.: John & Pauline Sandschafer by *family*

5:30 P.M.: Mary Louise Hoffman by *family & friends*

7:00 P.M. Spanish: Fletcher Jansen by *family*

Effingham Catholic Schools Educational Fundraiser

Sacred Heart School in conjunction with St. Anthony Schools is selling tickets for the 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 from any school family.

All proceeds benefit Catholic Education!

~ RAFFLE UPDATE ~

To date, 914 tickets have been turned in for a total of \$45,700 in sales which is 328 tickets (\$16,400) down from last year at this time. Top teams include:

1. Sacred Heart Parish Team (Greg/Deanna Nuxoll) ~ \$9,250
2. Jim and Cathy Bierman ~ \$6,550
3. Chuck and Jan Schuette ~ \$4,600
4. Gail and Marlene Bushue ~ \$4,550
5. Bob and Tammy Utz ~ \$2,950

If you need tickets, please stop by one of the parish offices or contact the raffle committee. Let's keep the sales going! Our kids are counting on us. See you at the next collection on Sunday, March 1, from 11:30-12:30 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.

~ DINNER, DANCE, AND DRAWING ~

Saturday, March 14 at the Effingham Knights of Columbus

Doors open at 5:45 P.M. 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.

WEEKLY OFFERING ~ February 21-22

	<u>Weekly Total</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Envelopes ~ 286	\$ 11,967.50	\$ 417,755.70
Loose	\$ 1,407.79	\$ 52,460.37
Children ~ 52	\$ 39.32	\$ 1,160.92
Adopt-A-Student	\$ 76.00	\$ 10,595.00
Total	\$ 13,490.61	\$ 481,971.99
Budget Goal	\$ 14,200.00	\$ 482,800.00
Difference	- \$ 709.39	- \$ 828.01
Comparison to 1 Year Ago (YTD)		
<i>Total YTD 2008-09 07-01-08 to 02-22-09</i>	<i>Total YTD 2007-08 07-01-07 to 02-17-08</i>	<i>Difference for YTD 07-08 to YTD 08-09</i>
\$ 481,971.99	\$ 456,336.33	\$ 25,635.66

GIRL SCOUTS Sunday is being celebrated on Sunday, March 8, at the 10:30 A.M. Mass. It is the 97th birthday of Girl Scouting in the U.S. Girls are asked to wear their uniform and sit with fellow scouts in the reserved section on the east side of church. Any questions, please contact Kim Mills 347-7531.

PARENT PREVIEW NIGHT will be held at St. Anthony High School on Thursday, March 5, at 7:00 P.M. at the Enlow Center. Call 342-6969 to arrange for an appointment and/or a building tour.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.*)

St. Mary Catholic Church Annual Soup Supper

St. Mary's Church Assumption Hall, Neoga
Sunday, March 8, from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Pancake Breakfast for Unit 40 Mentoring Program

Effingham High School Cafetorium
Saturday, March 7, from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.



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

Sponsor of the Week



James C. Graham, DPM FACFAS

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SCHOOL NEWS

REGISTRATION INFORMATION ~ Sacred Heart School is currently accepting registration for kindergarten through eighth grade for the 2009-2010 school year. Children of all faiths are welcomed and encouraged to experience our Christ-centered environment. To begin the registration process and to attain the necessary forms, we ask that you please log onto www.sheff.org, contact the school at 217-342-4060, or email j.semple@sheff.org. Your advanced registration is greatly appreciated as it enables us to properly plan for the next school year.

KING'S KIDS AND SON-SHINE PRESCHOOL ~ Registration is also underway for King's Kids and Son-Shine Preschool for the 2009-2010 school year. Contact the school office 217-342-4060 or download the registration form and information packet from the website www.sheff.org.

PTA Wii RAFFLE ~ Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and are available in the school or parish office. Proceeds will help support the SHS art & music programs.

EIGHTH GRADE VOLLEYBALL TEAM won first place in the NTC tournament at Neoga.

SIXTH GRADE WINS SIGEL TOURNAMENT— Congratulations to the sixth grade basketball team, coached by Dennis Carie, who won first place in the recent Sigel St. Michael Sixth Grade Tournament.

SCHOLAR BOWL ~ Spring Scholar Bowl has begun! The team, coached by Mrs. Nila Pike, have meets every Tuesday in March at 4:00 P.M. The next home meet is Tuesday, March 10. You are always welcome to attend.

NO SCHOOL ~ Monday, March 2, for Casimir Pulaski

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, Tom Rohr