

## MASS TIME ~ Saturday, March 14, change to 5:00 P.M. until November 7, 2009

**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 13, 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 M-Z 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.

**MOMS-N-MORE** will meet on Monday, March 9, at 9:00 A.M. in the lower level. Join them for a morning of fellowship. The evening group will meet on Thursday, March 12, at 6:30 P.M. in the parish center. Moms with infant and preschool age children, make plans to join the fun.

**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.

### OUR KIDS ARE COUNTING ON US!!

The Effingham Catholic Schools fundraiser is nearing completion, and ticket sales are significantly down from last year at this time. We understand that today's economy is likely playing a part in our low sales, but we must continue to remind each other why buying a ticket is so important to the success of our schools. The money raised from this event helps us to provide our students with a high-quality, Catholic education. And let's not forget the chance to win \$20,000 or a choice of many other fantastic prizes! If you haven't yet been contacted to purchase your tickets, please call the school office at 217.342.4060 and get your chance to win!!

A big THANK YOU to each of our teams! Here's a list of top-selling teams as of 3/1/09:

Greg & Deanna Nuxoll \$10,750  
Jim & Cathy Bierman \$7,200  
Gail & Marlene Bushue \$5,250  
Chuck & Jan Schuette \$4,950  
Ellen Ritz \$3,300

The car raffle drawing will be held at 8:00 P.M. during the Dinner & Dance on Saturday, March 14, at the Effingham Knights of Columbus. Doors open at 5:45 P.M. with dinner served at 6:30 P.M. Live music by *Friction* will begin at 8:30 P.M. Tickets for the dinner/dance are \$30, and may be purchased at the Sacred Heart Church office. It is a great evening of fellowship and fun.

### Liturgy Schedule

#### Monday, March 9

7:15 A.M.: Agnes Althoff by *Mary Ellen Eversman*

#### Tuesday, March 10

7:15 A.M.: Rosa Rieman by *Richard Rieman*

#### Thursday, March 12

8:30 A.M.: Jean Kuhns by *George Westjohn*

#### Friday, March 13

7:15 A.M.: Wilbert Haarmann by *Joe Hoffman family*

#### Saturday, March 14

5:00 P.M.: Bill Rezabeck by *family*

#### Sunday, March 15

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

10:30 A.M.: Jerry Brooks by *Frank & Anne Kabbes*

5:30 P.M.: David Swingler by *family*

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

## WEEKLY OFFERING ~ Feb. 28-March 1

	<i>Weekly Total</i>	<i>Total to Date</i>
Envelopes ~ 317	\$ 14,519.25	\$ 432,274.95
Loose	\$ 1,723.72	\$ 54,184.09
Children ~ 72	\$ 47.52	\$ 1,208.44
Adopt-A-Student	\$ 355.00	\$ 10,950.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,645.49</b>	<b>\$ 498,617.48</b>
<b>Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 14,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 497,000.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 2,445.49</b>	<b>\$ 1,617.48</b>

### Comparison to 1 Year Ago (YTD)

<i>Total YTD 2008-09 07-01-08 to 03-01-09</i>	<i>Total YTD 2007-08 07-01-07 to 02-24-08</i>	<i>Difference for YTD 07-08 to YTD 08-09</i>
<b>\$ 498,617.48</b>	<b>\$ 468,514.21</b>	<b>\$ 30,103.27</b>

### ~ Extra Collections for the Month of February ~

Catholic Times	\$ 355.00
Latin America	\$ 40.00
Central/Eastern Europe	\$ 122.00
Bolivia Mission Team	\$ 4,124.32
Fr. Paul Habing	\$ 1,005.00
<b>Totals for February</b>	<b>\$ 5,646.32</b>
<b>Capital Building (Journey in Faith)</b>	<b>\$ 1,213.00</b>
<b>Extreme Makeover</b>	<b>\$ 18,860.67</b>

**LIFE TEEN** Life Teen is a multi-layered approach to youth ministry. It involves the fun things such as game nights, summer activities, socials, and occasionally trips but it is also much more than fun. Each Sunday after the Life Teen Mass, teens are invited downstairs to the lower level to attend a Life Night. These nights are based on the Catechism and Catholic teachings. There are two teaching nights a month and one issue night. The issue nights take a topic that is of importance to teens and looks at it from a Catholic perspective. There is also one night that is considered social each month. This could be something as simple as volleyball or wiffleball in the gymnasium or as involved as a Catholic quiz show. All teens are invited to get involved.

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

## Sponsor of the Week

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## SCHOOL NEWS

**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.

**SCHOOL BOARD** will meet on Monday, March 9, in the school library.

**SCHOLAR BOWL** ~ Spring Scholar Bowl has a home meet on Tuesday, March 10, at 4:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome.

**SHAMROCK SWEATSHIRTS** ~ The Booster Club has sold out of most adult sized sweatshirts. If you are interested in ordering a sweatshirt or would like any other type of shirt, contact Bob or Tammy Utz at 347.0173.

**RUN/BIKE RIDE** sponsored by St. Francis Catholic Heart Work Camp group will be Saturday, April 4, at 9:00 A.M. The donation for the event is \$15.00. For more information, contact Roch & Janice 217.925.5751.

**ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL** presents "Clue: The Musical." The spring musical will be presented March 20 & 21 at 7:30 P.M. and March 22 at 2:00 P.M. in The Enlow Center. Reserved seats go on sale March 5 in the high school office. Ticket price: adults, \$6.00; students, \$3.00. For more information, call 342.6969.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 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.

### St. Isidore Spring Breakfast

St. Aloysius Hall, Bishop Creek  
Sunday, March 15, from 7:00 A.M. to noon

### SAMBA Fish Fry

St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham  
Friday, March 20, from 4:30 P.M. to 7:00 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, Tom Rohr