

**CHILDREN'S MASS** will be celebrated next Sunday, April 5, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The children will participate in the ministries and will lead the congregation in song. Everyone is welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** ~ Friday, April 3, at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

**RECONCILIATION:** Every Saturday one hour prior to Mass at Sacred Heart Church. The Parish Reconciliation will be at St. Anthony Church on Sunday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m.

**FEED MY LAMBS . . .** "Lenten giving tree" items for Catholic Charities, Effingham County Humane Society, Pro-Life and Family Life Center will be taken to the agencies during Holy Week. Please have any donations under the trees by Sunday, April 5. If you prefer to give monetary donations, please place those in the collection basket and designate the preferred agency. This is a great effort to help those who need assistance.

**RICE BOWL** ~ Please return Rice Bowls on or before Easter Sunday. Donations will be given to the Catholic Relief Services who provide services and food to those around the world struggling to meet their needs.

**MOMS-N-MORE** ~ On Thursday, April 2, the Moms-N-More will meet at Joe Sippers at 6:30 p.m. for a "Meet and Greet." All moms of infant to primary grade children are invited. For more information, please call Tina Herzing 347.8886, Ann Doedtmann 347.0364, Erin Swingler 857.3611, or Susan Feldhake 536.6936.

**RESURRECTION CHOIR** will practice on Friday, April 3, in the church.

**RED ENVELOPES** have been provided for you to send to President Barack Obama with a clear message that there is a moral outrage over funding for abortion, embryonic stem cell research, and federal funding for contraception. Please include your return address and mail envelopes on March 31.

**PICNIC** ~ The next meeting will be Saturday, April 4, at 4:00 p.m. in the lower level. We need a co-chair for the fancy works stand. Please call Deb Meyers 690.1307 to volunteer. Please bring your updated workers list. We still need volunteers for several of the stands. Contact the picnic chairpeople, Randy & Kara Haarmann @ 618.267.0183, Ron & Nila Pike 618.238.4564 or Teresa Stewart 347.4953.

**WANTED:** A couple with a good marriage to give the talk on "Finance" at our Pre-Cana day for engaged couples, Saturday, May 16. Contact the parish office 347.7177.

**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.

**SACRED HEART COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** will host a Salad Supper with St. Anthony Parish CCW as guests on Tuesday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendar!

**FREE SYMPOSIUM FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS** will be Thursday, April 16, at the Effingham K of C. Registration & exhibits begin at 4:30 p.m. with a light dinner at 5:00 p.m. There will be small group sessions and demonstrations from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Call the hospital at 347-1529 to register by April 13.

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER** will have volunteer training on Tuesdays for a total of six sessions (March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5) from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Family Life Pregnancy Center, Effingham. Call 342.5433 for more information.

**TEUTOPOLIS CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA** will meet on Monday, March 30, at the Teutopolis K of C at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Diann Ruholl 217.683.2249.

**AUSTIN LUCKETT GOLF TOURNAMENT** to benefit Catholic Charities will be Friday, May 15, at the Cardinal Golf Course. Registration and lunch will be at 11:00 a.m. with shotgun start at noon. Registration forms are available in the back of church.

**GLORY IN THE CROSS** will be presented by Rev. Richard Chiola, PhD, at the St. Frances Cabrini Parish Center, 1020 N. Milton Ave., Springfield on Saturday, April 4, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A reflection on the importance of the Paschal Triduum, along with an explanation of the symbols and rites will be shared. Everyone is welcome.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 9, 5:30 p.m. Mass

Good Friday, April 10, 12:10 p.m. Services

Holy Saturday, April 11, 7:00 p.m. Mass

Easter Sunday, April 12, 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.  
and 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

## Liturgy Schedule

**Monday, March 30**

**7:15 a.m.:** Clarence Kemme *by family*

**Tuesday, March 31**

**7:15 a.m.:** Andrew "Bud" Hagen *by family*

**Thursday, April 2**

**8:30 a.m.:** George Bourgeois *by family*

**Friday, April 3**

**7:15 a.m.:** George Pastor, Jr. *by Fr. Spriggs*

**Saturday, April 4**

**5:00 p.m.:** Dennis Gardewine *by John & Betty Fearday*

**7:00 p.m. Spanish:** Robert Hardiek, Jr. *by family*

**Sunday, April 5**

**8:30 a.m.:** Mary Jo Stephens *by Mike Stephens*

**10:30 a.m.:** Mary Grunloh *by Sue Monroe*

**5:30 p.m.:** Ella Donnelly *by Katie Kroeger*



## Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

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Office of the Bishop

March 17, 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to you about a serious threat to our freedom to practice our Catholic faith in the state of Illinois.

A bill has been introduced in the Illinois General Assembly (HB 2354, the “Reproductive Health and Access Act”) that would remove the right to conscientious objection to abortion and related procedures for all health care workers. For thirty years we have been told by the courts and by legislators that abortion is a rare but necessary tragedy and that abortion providers should not face legal punishment. Now some are proposing that abortion is a human right, and worse, that those who would try to qualify it in any way or who will not provide it should be punished under law.

This proposed law will drive Catholic doctors and nurses from health care and will make it impossible for Catholic hospitals to continue to be places where life is always respected, where no one is deliberately killed. In our country, we recognize conscientious objection to war, even though defending one’s country is a noble and moral act. We recognize the conscientious objection of those doctors who will not cooperate in administering the death penalty, even for terrible crimes. Some Illinois legislators want to take away conscientious objection to abortion.

The enemies of human life and religious freedom in Illinois are well funded. Pressure on legislators is great and is increasing. I ask you to contact your Representative this week to express your dismay that the Illinois legislature, elected democratically, would debate a bill that removes freedom of conscientious decision-making for health care workers as a condition of their employment. Surely people of good will can agree that the State should not come between a health care worker and God.

Unfortunately we have had to live with the fact that our laws no longer protect unborn human life. We cannot live with the prospect that our laws will no longer protect conscience. In 1844, Abraham Lincoln broke with his own party, the often anti-Catholic Whigs, and proposed: “Resolved, that the guarantee of the rights of conscience, as found in our Constitution, is most sacred and inviolable, and one that belongs no less to the Catholic, than to the Protestant; and that all attempts to abridge or interfere with these rights, either of Catholic or Protestant, directly or indirectly, have our decided disapprobation, and shall ever have our most effective opposition.” Illinois HB 2354 betrays the legacy of Lincoln in his home State.

Catholics and all people of good will should work to ensure its defeat. I also ask you to thank those legislators who are courageously opposing HB 2354 and to pray for those who are supporting it. To contact your legislator, please go to [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov), or call 312-368-1066.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend George J. Lucas  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

## WEEKLY OFFERING ~ March 21-22

	<u>Weekly Total</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Envelopes ~ 304	\$ 11,701.25	\$ 468,272.70
Loose	\$ 1,382.93	\$ 58,350.23
Children ~ 82	\$ 61.99	\$ 1,390.05
Adopt-A-Student	\$ 343.00	\$ 11,736.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,489.17</b>	<b>\$ 539,748.98</b>
<b>Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 14,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 539,600.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>- \$ 710.83</b>	<b>\$ 148.98</b>
Comparison to 1 Year Ago (YTD)		
<i>Total YTD 2008-09 07-01-08 to 03-22-09</i>	<i>Total YTD 2007-08 07-01-07 to 03-16-08</i>	<i>Difference for YTD 07-08 to YTD 08-09</i>
<b>\$ 539,748.98</b>	<b>\$ 505,824.12</b>	<b>\$ 33,924.86</b>

**SPAGETTI SUPPER**, catered by Joe's Pizza and Pasta, will be Sunday, March 29, at the Teutopolis Grade School. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and homemade desserts will be served from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Catholic Heart Work Camp to offset the mission trip.



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.

### Sponsor of the Week

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NORTHSIDE</b> EFFINGHAM, IL</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ford-Lincoln-Mercury</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Owners</i> Mark Mayhood &amp; Jake Traub</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1312 North Keller Drive <b>342-3929</b></p>
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## SCHOOL NEWS

**PTA PIG-OUT BREAKFAST** will be Sunday, April 19, from 7:00 a.m. to noon in the Parish Center. If you have items to donate for the basket raffle, call Nila Pike 618.238.4564. Sign up sheets are in the back of church.

**PTA MEETING** on Wednesday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m.

**TRACK MEET** on Friday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart/St. Anthony Field. Stop by to watch them.

**ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** will be Friday, April 3. Place cans in the truck in the school parking lot.

**FIRST COMMUNION** will be Sunday, April 26, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our students who achieved high honor & honor roll status for the third quarter.

**FORMER ALUMNUS, MIKE MCDEVITT** (son of Doris McDevitt), is traveling with his band to play with the U.S.O. for our troops. They depart April 2 and will be visiting Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Kyrgyzstan. For more details about supporting their mission, call Kelly Willenborg at 254.2149 or visit [www.mattposs.com](http://www.mattposs.com). Prayers for safe travel would be greatly appreciated.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### St. Mary's Spring Dinner

St. Mary's Church, St. Elmo

Sunday, March 29, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Prayer List

*Please pray for the sick and convalescing:* 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, Jodi Waymoth, Mirta Donnelly, Glenda Platz, Evelyn Krone, Brandon Stock, Jack Shedelbower, Wanetta Horath, John & Marie Pike, Jeanie Knabe, Sylvan Bauer, Esther Pruemmer