

Sacred Heart Parish Thanksgiving Day Mass will be Thursday, November 26, at 8:30 a.m. There will be a collection of food pantry items for Catholic Charities. Items needed are cereal, puddings, jello, crackers, canned fruit, canned vegetables, boxed macaroni & cheese, soups, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, cookies, laundry soap, toilet paper, and kleenex. Place items in the front of the altar.

Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Sunday, December 13, at a noon Mass at Sacred Heart Church. The sacrament is intended for all whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or age. Everyone is welcome. If you want to be anointed, but can not make it to this Mass, contact Darlene at 347.7177 and the parish priest will come to your home.

Baptism Class will be held on Monday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish Center. Call Darlene at 347.7177 to register. There will not be a baptism class in December.

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The meal will be catered. No gift exchange; however, we will have a silent auction. Please bring items for the auction that evening. Scrip cards will also be available for purchase. We hope to see you there.

National Night of Prayer for Life will be December 8-9 in St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Chapel. Prayers will begin at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, and will continue until 1:00 a.m. on December 9.

Effingham County FISH is sponsoring the 5th annual Free Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 26, at St. Anthony Church Parish Center, Effingham at 11:30 a.m. *For those persons wishing to attend the meal*, please RSVP to Susan Elke at 868.5913, Harold Heth at 868.2854 or Effingham Senior Center 347.5569. Please let them know if you need transportation. *For those who need home delivered meals*, please contact the Senior Center at 347.5569. RSVP by noon on Nov. 23. *Volunteers are needed* to set up the Parish Center, package and deliver meals to the homebound, transport individuals who need transportation to and from the church and serve those people attending the meal. To volunteer, contact Susan Elke at 868.5913.

"Christmas for Kids" store is being held from Dec. 14-18. Please bring your non-perishable foods, new and gently used toys, etc. to the school or place items in the red tub in the back of church by December 4.

Advent Angels ~ Our parish priest and several "angel helpers" will be making special deliveries of gift bags to our parishioners who are homebound, sick, or in the nursing home. If you would like to help provide items to fill a gift bag, please place items or gift bags in the boxes in the back of church. Suitable items would be soaps, lotions, perfume/cologne, air fresheners, handkerchiefs, socks, slippers, small afghans, a small religious picture, statue, picture frame, doily, or basic essentials for everyday use. If you prefer to make a cash donation, place money in an envelope marked "Advent Angels." Return gift bags or items to the church by Tuesday, December 8.

4 Day Parish Mission 'Awakening Our Faith in Challenging Times' hosted by the parishes of Rev. Robert "Bud" DeGrand will be Sunday, Nov. 29 through Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7:00 p.m. each night at St. Michael Church in Sigel, IL. Fr. Dennis Koopman, O.F.M. of the St. Gratian Friary, Countryside, IL will present the mission. Everyone is welcome.

Effingham Knights of Columbus . . .

- ❖ **Fifth Sunday Communion** will be November 29 with an 8:30 a.m. Mass at the Church of the Annunciation in Shumway. Breakfast will follow at the Church. All Knights and their families are encouraged to attend. Contact Greg Koester at 347.2716 or Bob Kurtin at 347.7369 if you will be attending so they can prepare for the right number of meals.
- ❖ **Children's Christmas Party** will be Thursday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. with games and refreshments prior to Santa's arrival at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Adult Christmas Party** will be Sunday, December 20, with a social hour from noon until 1:00 p.m. The meal will be at 1:00 p.m. with the Sawyer Brothers Band to play from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Rest in Peace
We extend our sympathy to the
family and friends of **Bonnie
Bushur & Virginia Beckmier.**

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, November 23

7:15 a.m.: Cindy Koenig *by Sharon Likovic*

Tuesday, November 24

7:15 a.m.: Lester Gardewine *by Dan & Louise Eden family*

Wednesday, November 25

8:30 a.m.: Paul Stockman *by family*

Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving)

8:30 a.m.: For Sacred Heart parishioners

Friday, November 27

7:15 a.m.: Living & deceased members of Frank & Mildred Wendt family *by Ed & Jane Kistner*

2:00 p.m. Lakeland Nursing Home Mass: Susanne Kronewitter *by Mike Stephens*

Saturday, November 28

4:00 p.m.: Carl Heurman *by family*

Sunday, November 29

8:30 a.m.: Ivan Hayes, Sr. *by Pat Hayes family*

10:30 a.m.: Jeanette Wenthe Lamkin *by family*

5:30 p.m.: Ray Will *by Bernard & Dolores Will*

7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass: Ronald Haring *by Mary Haring*

WEEKLY OFFERING ~ Nov. 14-15

	<i>Weekly Total</i>	<i>Total to Date</i>
Envelopes ~ 308	\$ 14,591.00	\$ 242,969.25
Loose	\$ 1,479.06	\$ 29,294.12
Children ~ 43	\$ 42.76	\$ 744.21
Adopt-A-Student	\$ 581.00	\$ 9,741.00
Total	\$ 16,693.82	\$ 282,748.58
Budget Goal	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
Difference	\$ 1,693.82	- \$ 17,251.42

Comparison to 1 Year Ago (YTD)

<i>Total YTD 2008-09 07-01-09 to 11-15-09</i>	<i>Total YTD 2007-08 07-01-08 to 11-16-08</i>	<i>Difference for YTD 07-08 to YTD 08-09</i>
\$ 282,748.58	\$ 254,251.87	+ \$ 28,496.71

Scrip Cards will be sold after Masses every weekend until Christmas. A complete list of gift cards are available on the website. There's no better way to give back to Sacred Heart than to purchase SCRIP cards and enjoy easy, hassle-free shopping this holiday season!

Community Events

Holiday Craft Bazaar & Soup Luncheon will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church, Shelbyville Parish Hall.

Madrigal Dinner to benefit the St. Francis area youth will be at the Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium on Friday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 13, at 1:00 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance by December 3 ~ \$20 per person. Call 857-6404, ext. 311 to reserve.

The March for Life trip will be made on January 21-23. Seats will be reserved on first come basis, so please contact Liz Kremer at 342.9677 for more information and to make a reservation.

Youth Ministry Update . . . The 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass will continue as a "Contemporary Mass." Sacred Heart High School Youth will be meeting Sunday, November 29, at noon in the lower level of the church. All high school students are welcome! If you have any questions, contact our Youth Minister, Kate Pruemmer, at 347.7177 or email her at k.pruemer@sheff.org.

Sponsor of the Week

NIEMERG'S STEAK HOUSE
342-3921

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS . . .

Congratulations to Sacred Heart School and its staff and administration!! After months of preparing, gathering curriculum and scope and sequence guidelines, and all the necessary paperwork and documentation, Mrs. Luchtefeld and her staff were given full recognition by the State of Illinois and accreditation from the Diocese. This means Sacred Heart School is a top notch educational provider! Thanks to the whole staff for all that you do!!!

Our students have been hard at work and have made it to the second quarter midterms. Here's some highlights of what they've been up to:

Son Shine 3yr old class: Learning the difference between small, medium, and big.

King's Kids: Preparing for Family Fun Night where they'll showcase their singing and signing skills.

Kindergarten and Grade 1: Learning about fire safety and then enjoying a trip to the Fire Station!

Grade 2: Preparing for First Reconciliation.

Grade 3, 4, and 5: Hearing from the SAFE presenters about bullying, helping to build their character and treat everyone respectfully.

Grade 6 and 7: Returning from a trip to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL.

Grade 7 and 8: Stepping into extra-curricular activities that included learning techniques on role playing for acting.

Kindergarten Program will be presented on November 25, at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Parents and grandparents welcome!

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading ~ The Cornerstone Christian Church is offering Basketball and Cheerleading for students in Kindergarten thru Grade 6, Boys & Girls. The cost is \$60 per child and the deadline for registration is January 5. For more information, call Cary Storm (basketball) 217.246.6989 or Mindy Splechter (cheerleading) 217.663.5298.

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick and convalescing: Corky Bock, Lisa Crosson, Ava Gass, Leo & Helen Haarmann, Deanne Huey, Jeanie Meyers, Ada Mae Moran, Brian A. Niebrugge, Eileen Overbeck, Lynn Petty, Barb Sims, Larry Weber, Rebekah Volk, Judy Reardon, Jesse Ketteman, Melissa Fiscus, Tena Behrman, Larry Rhodes, Janet Knabe, Amanda Swan, Quade Aldrich, Mark Rogers, Doug Myers, Michael Platz, Cheryl Nuxoll, Bonnie Bushur, Jodi Waymoth, Mirta Donnelly, Evelyn Krone, Jeanie Knabe, Sylvan Bauer, Phyllis Stock, Charlie Meyers, Jackie Luchtefeld, Shannan Miner, Pat Kagay, Carolyn Koerner, Joyce Westjohn, Joyce Vahling, Kathy Smith, Jessica Rhodes, Nicholas Rhodes, Dorothy Levitt, Delbert Ritz, Mardell Weis