

Parish Reconciliation

St. Anthony Church on Sunday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve ~ December 24

4:00 p.m. – Children’s Mass. Rumor has it that Santa Claus may make a special appearance!

11:00 p.m. – Music by the Sacred Heart Adult Choir and special guest mezzo soprano, Valerie Nicolosi.

Christmas Day ~ December 25

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Music by two of our parish ensembles and a rumored visit from Santa Claus!

Many surprises in store for our Christmas Masses! Be sure to join us for our prayerful and song-filled Christmas Masses this season. Our various choirs and ensemble groups will lead each Christmas celebration, and Santa Claus may be here for our 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass as well as our Christmas Day Masses! Our 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass will feature 30-member Sacred Heart Adult Choir and special guest Valerie Nicolosi. Valerie is well known for her worldwide opera and symphony performances. She is married to Teutopolis native Gary Niemerg, and will be visiting the Effingham area over Christmas. We are thrilled that she’s chosen to accompany our talented adult choir!

New Year Masses: Thursday, December 31, at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, January 1, at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Stained Glass Windows: Those wishing to donate a stained glass window for our church, perhaps in memory of loved ones, should contact the parish priest. Street-level windows, (there are 3 remaining), will cost \$40-50k. Upper level windows are estimated to cost \$8-10k. Registered parishioners who regularly support the parish with their time, talent, and treasure will be given first consideration until March 31, 2010.

Christmas Dinner sponsored by the Effingham Ministerial Association will be Friday, December 25, at 11:30 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Reservations can be made by calling the parish office 347.7177 by noon on Monday, December 21.

Pray in the New Year at St. Anthony’s Memorial Hospital Chapel on New Year’s Eve, December 31. The rosary will begin at 10:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 11:00 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION: All Catholics have a serious obligation to participate at Mass each & every Sunday. However, one should NOT receive Holy Communion if:

1. –you have missed Mass without a good reason & have not been to confession;
2. –you have any serious sin on your soul & have not been to confession. A few examples:
 - i.e. you are married out of the Catholic church without Church permission;
 - you are divorced from a valid marriage & the divorce is your fault;
 - i.e. you are sexually involved with anyone to whom you are not married;
 - i.e. you have had anything at all to do with an abortion;
 - i.e. you have joined another, non-Catholic church while still believing that your Catholic Faith is the fullness of the true Church;
 - i.e. you have done serious damage to another’s reputation;
 - i.e. you have cheated/stolen a substantial amount of money, (as little as \$1.00 from a poor person);
 - i.e. you have seriously neglected the spiritual growth & welfare of your own family.

To receive Communion while in serious sin is to commit an additional serious sin of sacrilege.



Rest in Peace

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Delbert Ritz** and **Mary Willenborg**.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, December 21

7:15 a.m.: Ginny Dasenbrock *by Frank & Anne Kabbes*

Tuesday, December 22

7:15 a.m.: Robert Stuckey *by Ron & Nila Pike family*

Wednesday, December 23

7:15 a.m.: Bonnie Bushur *by family*

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

2:00 p.m. Lakeland Nursing Home Mass:

Kenneth Nuxoll *by Pauline Goldstein*

4:00 p.m.: For Sacred Heart Parishioners

11:00 p.m.: For Sacred Heart Parishioners

Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

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

10:30 a.m.: For Sacred Heart Parishioners

Saturday, December 26

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

Sunday, December 27

8:30 a.m.: Phil & Caroline Gibson 40th

Wedding Anniversary *by family*

10:30 a.m.: Ivan Hayes, Sr. *by Pat Hayes family*

5:30 p.m.: Angela Kocher *by Glenda Schwartz*

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

WEEKLY OFFERING ~ December 12-13

	<i>Weekly Total</i>	<i>Total to Date</i>
Envelopes ~ 257	\$ 11,817.50	\$ 302,096.75
Loose	\$ 2,047.58	\$ 36,087.31
Children ~ 39	\$ 35.49	\$ 908.29
Adopt-A-Student	\$ 148.00	\$ 10,457.00
Total	\$ 14,048.57	\$ 349,549.35
Budget Goal	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 360,000.00
Difference	- \$ 951.43	- \$ 10,450.65

Comparison to 1 Year Ago (YTD)

<i>Total YTD 2008-09 07-01-09 to 12-13-09</i>	<i>Total YTD 2007-08 07-01-08 to 12-14-08</i>	<i>Difference for YTD 07-08 to YTD 08-09</i>
\$ 349,549.35	\$ 314,911.10	+ \$ 34,638.25

Thank you for the \$958 donated to the 2010 FOCUS Made for More Conference students from E.I.U. For more information or to make a contribution, mail: FOCUS, 500 Roosevelt Ave., Charleston, IL 61920, or phone: 217.348.0188.

Youth Ministry Update . . .

Advent Angels ~ Monday, December 21, from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. all high school students are welcome to join us for caroling and delivering Christmas packages to some of our elderly parishioners. We'll meet at Sacred Heart Church at 1:00 p.m. You must turn in a signed permission slip in order to come, which can be found on the Youth Ministry bulletin board or the Youth Ministry link on the parish website. Join us to spread some Christmas cheer!

March for Life Trip ~ The Sacred Heart High School Youth will be attending the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. January 21-23 with the Effingham Area Life Caravan. Any high school students interested in attending and any parents interested in helping chaperone the trip should contact Kate Pruemer as soon as possible or by December 21 at the latest at 347.7177 or k.pruemer@sheff.org. For more information and a registration form see the Youth Ministry bulletin board or the Youth Ministry link on the parish website.

Rosary and Jewelry Sale will be in the back of church after Masses this weekend. Proceeds will assist the high school youth to attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C. this January.

Sponsor of the Week

PROADJUSTER

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Alumni Welcome Home event will be Sunday, Feb. 7, beginning with a 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by a celebration at the Sacred Heart School and Parish Center. We would like to hear from Sacred Heart School alumni, so please fill out an alumni card in the pews, complete the information and return it to the parish office. If your children attended Sacred Heart, please complete a card for them.

Tax Tips about IRA Distributions . . . "If you've reached the age of 70 1/2, you need to take a required minimum distribution from your IRA. For the remainder of 2009, you can donate up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to Sacred Heart Church and reap tax benefits. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mark at the parish office 217.347.7177 before the end of the year.

Year End Giving ~ It is through generous donations that our parishioners and others in the community can benefit from the ministries, programs, and activities of Sacred Heart Parish. Please keep Sacred Heart in mind if making any contribution before year end. Anyone wishing to have a contribution applied to their 2009 taxes are asked to submit it to the parish office on or before Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009. For more information, or if questions arise, please contact Mark at 347.7177.

Effingham K of C Adult Christmas Party will be Sunday, Dec. 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.

Effingham K of C New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance on December 31. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. and band starts at 9:00 p.m. The meal will be catered by Martin's and music provided by Scott Wattles and the Blue Suede Crew. The cost is \$30 per person. To reserve a table for eight, call Steve or Donna at 342.6565.

Congratulations to the Effingham K of C "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster winners from Sacred Heart School.

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, 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, Mardell Weis, Adeline Bailey, Kenneth Buening