

With much gratitude . . . to the Art & Environment Committee for decorating the church, Lin & Lou Viverito for donating the trees and wreaths that adorn the church and for all the different ministries for sharing their talent and assisting in the worship celebrations. Also, thank you to everyone who donated for the Advent Angels, the Pro-Life and Family Life Center, Catholic Charities, FISH, and the Humane Society. As Christmas is a time for sharing, we have been abundantly blessed by the generosity of others.

Special thank you from the parish priest for the Christmas cards, gifts, and food.

A Note of Thanks from Carol Toney and Sister Ann Fearday for the generous support shown throughout this past year for the Sacred Heart F.A.C.E. (FOSTER A CHILD EVERYDAY) mission.

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.

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.

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.

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 back of church, complete the information and return it to the parish office. If your children attended Sacred Heart, please complete a card for them.

Save the Date for the Effingham Catholic Schools Fundraiser and Fellowship Event "Games for Giving" Vegas Night. It will be held at the Effingham Knights of Columbus on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Details coming soon!!

Marriage Encounter Weekend in this area will be February 5-7. To register or for more information, call 888.889.9963 or go online to www.aweekendofdiscovery.org.

Effingham Co. Right to Life Annual Whole Hog Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, January 17, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium. Volunteers are needed to set-up on Saturday and to help all day Sunday. Also, items for the Novelty Store and 25¢ mystery bags are welcome. If you can help, please call 857.3060.

Effingham K of C New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance will be 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. Call Steve or Donna at 342.6565 for reservations. A seating chart is on the Knights of Columbus website at www.effinghamkc.com.

Knights of Columbus Vocation Support Raffle is underway statewide. There are 20 cash prizes with first prize being \$10,000. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Funds raised by the raffle are used by the Illinois State Council to support vocations to the priesthood. Tickets are available from the Effingham Knights of Columbus or any KC member.

Holy Cross Parish of Wendelin will be hosting a Cash Bingo on Sunday, January 10, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross Parish Center. This will be on regular bingo cards, no dobbers will be needed. Cash prizes awarded.



Welcome new parishioners

Jason & Jennifer Brent family

Matthew & Paula Hanner

Doug & Leslie Hille

Charles Christie & Colleen Lareau family

Christine Conley family

Susan Ruholl family

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, December 28

7:15 a.m.: Roy Painter *by Richard Rieman*

Tuesday, December 29

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

Wednesday, December 30

7:15 a.m.: John & Adele Niebrugge *by Carolyn Niebrugge*

Thursday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

7:00 p.m.: John & Pauline Sandschafer *by family*

Friday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

7:00 a.m.: Don Grunloh *by family*

7:00 p.m.: Ivan Hayes, Sr. *by Pat Hayes family*

Saturday, January 2

4:00 p.m.: Jim Kuhns *by Mildred Buff*

Sunday, January 3

8:30 a.m.: Tудie Kreke *by family*

10:30 a.m.: Florence Bushur *by Jackie & Tom Long family*

5:30 p.m.: Ray & Mary Hook *by Paula Tolch*

7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass: John Walker *by family*

WEEKLY OFFERING ~ December 19-20

	<u>Weekly Total</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Envelopes ~ 290	\$ 14,187.25	\$ 316,284.00
Loose	\$ 1,642.24	\$ 37,729.55
Children ~ 48	\$ 45.57	\$ 953.86
Adopt-A-Student	\$ 138.00	\$ 10,595.00
Total	\$ 16,013.06	\$ 365,562.41
Budget Goal	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 375,000.00
Difference	\$ 1,013.06	- \$ 9,437.59

Comparison to 1 Year Ago (YTD)

<i>Total YTD 2008-09 07-01-09 to 12-20-09</i>	<i>Total YTD 2007-08 07-01-08 to 12-21-08</i>	<i>Difference for YTD 07-08 to YTD 08-09</i>
\$ 365,562.41	\$ 327,742.27	+ \$ 37,820.14

Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be Sunday, January 24, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Anthony High School following the Tom Bryant Basketball Camp. There will be 10 participants (5 boys and 5 girls ages 10 to 14) that will advance to the District Competition. Contact Jerry Hecht at 217.246.1547 for additional information or for an application form.

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.

Youth Ministry:

Thank you to all the teens who joined us for Christmas caroling!

Sunday, January 3: 12:30-2:00 p.m. all high school students are welcome to join us to celebrate Epiphany and learn more about this feast day. We'll meet in the lower level of the church.

Saturday, January 9: 1:00-2:30 p.m. we will have a special guest join us to share about life in the seminary. All high school students are welcome. Meet in the lower level of the church.

Sponsor of the Week



Marty Stock
342-9335
1709 S. Fourth Street
Effingham, IL 62401

Christmas Memorial Donations by:

Joseph & Carol Formenti, Julie Hartley-Gabel, David & Joanne Dow, Todd & Sandy Lohman, John & Joyce Soucie, Laura Apke, Albert Springer, Angela Geltz, Mark & Linnie Rogers, Michael Tegeler, Leona Tuttle, Mary Kay Wiedman, Richard & Ann Wines, Michael & Margaret Borries, Zona Kreke, Marty & Joyce Stock, Dan & Virginia Hauk, Cary & Dina Jackson, Milton Hinkle, Jerry & Bernice Sandschafer, Dr. & Mrs. James Graham, Tim & Sherry Schuette, Joseph & Becky Beall, Victor & Dolores Ritz, Patrick & Gloria Bauer, Steve & Cathy Swingler, Joy Blanco, Don Taylor

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 is 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.

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.

PARISHIONER UPDATES ~ Call Darlene at the parish office 347-7177 or e-mail any address, phone number or e-mail address changes to: shchurch@sheff.org. Thank you.

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, Mary Bergbower, Joyce Quandt



In Memory of . . .

**Paul Stockman, Linda Root,
Ann & John Moser family,
Clarence & Edna Stockman family**

by Pat Stockman

**Bill Rezabeck, Mary Ritchie,
Bert & Walt Ritchie, Bob Niehaus**

by Pat & Mike

Maxine Pattillo

by C. Mullens

**Albert & Elsie Buenker,
Robert & Mildred Buenker,
Paul Buenker, Ed Buenker**

by Tom Buenker

John & Marion Zehner

by Mike & Lisa Schmitt family

Erma Jenson & Mary Evans

by Dr. & Mrs. Jeff Jenson

Fred Colburn,

Robert & Gertrude Pruemer

by Judy Colburn

Wanetta Horath

by Lester Horath

John Jansen

by Barbara Jansen

Chris Kenter & Danielle Bauman,

Floyd Frese

by Richard & Lucy Kenter

Jim Tolch, Mary & Ray Hook,

Bill & Alma Tolch, Andy Hook,

Ralph & Elsie Hook

by Paula Tolch

Jodi Wear, Henry Wendt,

Kenny Wendt

by John & Janice Wear

Robert F. Stephens, Andrew Grunloh,

Dusty & Adele Rhodes,

Arthur & Luella Buenker

by Jim & Jill Grunloh

Jim Kuhns

by Pat Kuhns & family

Mr. & Mrs. Al Wendt

by Constance Wendt

Mr. & Mrs. S. DiGiovanni, Margie Day

by Rose Mary Barnick

Elmer Heurman & Dorothy Klitzing

by Dennis Amacher

Leroy Bushue

by Rita Bushue

Melvin Lilley

by Luella Lilley

**Deceased members of Bill & Mary
Althoff family**

by William & Mary Althoff

George Bourgeois

by Anne Bourgeois

Deceased family & friends

by David & Lisa Neal family

Ivan Hayes

by Pat Hayes & family

**All deceased members of the
Osborne & Schaefer Families**

by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Schaefer

Norb, Shirley & Agnes Althoff,

Otto & Lela Margwarth,

Henry & Anna Dust,

Dwight Arganbright

by Sandra Althoff

C. M. Allen

by Verena Allen

Louis Kinkelaar, Bill Kinkelaar

by Lovell & Alice Wines

John & Elizabeth Goeckner,

Charles Hardig, Cecelia Willenborg,

John & Lucille Goeckner

by Bertha Hardig

Chris Westjohn,

John & Carol Westjohn, Glen Bovard

by Sue Westjohn & family

Edward Deibel

by Ruth Deibel

George Lask

by Millie Lask

Rich Rieman

by Richard Rieman

Mr. & Mrs. James Flood

by Lloyd & Lois Flood

Andrew & Rose Doedtman,

Ray Doedtman

by Mr. & Mrs. Ambrose Doedtman

Rollen & Hazel Teets

by Jack & Angeline Teets

Deceased members of the Cecil Family

by Billie Tanner

Robert B. Overbeck,

Norbert & Alice Hoene

by Bob & Ann Overbeck

Larry Pals

by The Pals Family

Gene Koester

by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Koester

Peggy Zumbahlen

by Michael & Kim Stanfield

**Lori Buenker, Michelle Irene Arnold,
Paul Buenker, Izell Klaja, Mike Trexler,**

Mabel McKerrow, Art Nuxoll,

Brenda Goeckner Manzano, Chris Will,

Bill Kingery, Marshall Kingery,

Gary Buenker, Larry Weishaar,

Barry Phelps, Stell Hille,

Sara Carpenter, Mary Zerrusen

by Robert & Anita McKerrow

Jerry, Frank & Irene Likovic,

Lawrence & Mary Dust

by Sharon Likovic

Deceased family & friends,

All service men & women

by Mike & Cynthia DePoister family

Larry C. Burford,

Living & deceased members of

Louis & Lucile Hoedebeck &

Clarence & Lorraine Burford families

by Marion Burford

**Deceased members of Began & Dirks
families**

by Tom & Ann Began

Harry & Susan Schmidt

by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Schmidt

Wyatt Arnold, Doug Bushur,

Margaret Arnold

by Mr. & Mrs. Rob Arnold

Henry Holkenbrink,

Loretta & Art Hakman

by Jim & Carol Hakman

Bill & Anna Marie Schumacher

by Andrew & Susan Feldhake

Eugene McDevitt

by family

Darlene Casselman,

Adele Niebrugge, Ron Niebrugge

by Michael & Jayme Schultheis

Floyd Cheatum, Mike & Marie Bierman

by June Cheatum

Charles J. Walk, Charles A. Walk

by Agnes Walk

Victor & Mary Koester,

Al & Agnes Braun

by Larry & Pat Braun

Leo & Catherine Weishaar,

Herschel & Marie Westfall

by John & Mary Westfall

Louis Kinkelaar,

William (Bill) Kinkelaar

by Eleanor Kinkelaar

Chester Semple

by Paul & Janice Semple family

Bill Fromme,

LeBeau & Fromme families

by Suzanne Colyer

. . . our loved ones

**Alma & Earl Vonderheide,
Helen, Alf & Paul Fuesting**
by Darrell Fuesting

**Henry & Frances Walker,
Chris & Freda Walls**
by Robert & Vicki Walker

**Living & deceased members of
Lawrence Lustig & Gerry Fasig
families**
by Ann Fasig

**Carmen Macias, Elena Torres,
Esperanza Torres**
by Eleazar Torres

Maureen Moore
by Fred & Paula Moore

**Albert Kreke,
John & Josephine Bloemer**
by Ken & Diane Kreke

**Mr. & Mrs. Louis Schuetz,
Mr. & Mrs. Boniface Link**
by Lee & Grace Schuetz

Gertrude Probst
by Raymond Probst

Gerry Moore
by Mary Ann Sanders

Harold Kroeger
by Catherine Kroeger

**Reginald Flach, Kim Bushue,
Nicholas Kramer, an unborn baby**
by Mr. & Mrs. Don Bushue

**Frank Emil Hinz, Ellen Mary Hinz,
Ira Dean Cox**
by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hinz

Sue Haywood, Orville Haywood
by Teresa Haywood

**Delbert & Alma Steffen,
Harry & Helen Haarmann**
by Virgil & Eva Haarmann

**Deceased members of the Mosher and
Rettig families**
by Charles & Paula Mosher

**Lolami Keller, Thelma Keller,
Frank & Addie Bushue,
Hubert & Bea Keller, Woodrow Keller,**

**Lloyd & Lena Godwin,
Robert Lamkin, Claude Riley,
Charles A. & Clarissa Keller**
by Charles Keller

**William Kreke, Angela Kreke,
Joan Adams, John Walker**
by Patricia Kreke

**Cyril & Jessie Mathy,
Walter & Helen Hoefner**
by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Mathy

**Mel Zumbahlen, Patty Schlanser,
Loretta Schlanser**
by Tony & Tricia Schlanser

**Bernard & William Hardiek,
Carol Lawson, Ferd & Amelia Weis,
Herman & Helen Koester**
by Joe & Patricia Weis

**Mary Jo Stephens,
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Potts,
Mr. & Mrs. William Tolch**
by Mike Stephens

John Ordner
by Mary Ordner

**Mike & Marie Bierman,
Bertha & Garnet Andes**
by Garrett & Susann Andes

Allie & Tillie Mette, John Mitchell
by Rick & Kathy Mitchell Family

John Thull, Ferd Westendorf
by Tom & Sandy Thull

**Robert Koester, Robert Avery,
Louis & Ruth Koester, Pete Wendt**
by Frank & Frances Koester

**Alphonse & Frieda Weishaar,
Charles & Catherine Patton,
Gerry Moore**
from Dan & Madonna Patton

**Arthur Mills, Ruth Cook,
Elmer & Marcella Breiner**
by David & Carol Mills

**Norbert & Agnes Cohorst,
Louis Kreke,
Leonard & Olivia Sheridan**
by Bob & Sally Cohorst

Helen Stock
by Mel & Elaine Stock

**Mario & Louise Miramonti,
B. W. & Juanita Ellis**
by Jack & Gloria Ellis

Pat Gress
by Audrey & Ora Gress

**William Bronkema,
Margaret Bronkema**
by Robert & Marilyn Wirth

**Floyd Frese, Reginald Flach,
Chris Kenter,**

Mert & Larry McMahon
by Pete & Karlene Frese

**Joe & Christine Czyzewski,
Doris Kremer, Albert Verdeyen**
by Mr. & Mrs. James Verdeyen

Grandpa Nichols
by Jenny & Cassie

**Living & deceased members of
Richard & Joyce Quandt family**
by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Quandt

Bill Fruchtl
by Jean Fruchtl

Nick G. Koste
by Rosemary Koste

**Dean F. Moran,
Malcolm & Winnie Johnson**
by Stephen & Judith Bergfeld
**Kathleen Smethers, Robert Wernsing,
Thelma Weber, Elizabeth Mueller,
Maurice Metten**

by James & Jane Wernsing
**Dusty & Adele Rhodes,
Mode & Dode Toney**
by Carol Toney

John Jr. & Adele Niebrugge
by Mr. & Mrs. James Niebrugge

**Charlene Kistner,
Frank & Mildred Wendt,
Leonard Wendt**

by Ed & Jane Kistner family
**Dean Moran, Walter & Mary Kreke,
Scott Lowrance, Eugene Kreke,
Malcolm & Winnie Johnson**
by Tony & Jill Kreke

**Cliff & Dorothy Bushue,
Sylvester & Marie Westendorf,
Ross Harrawood, Bernice Walk,
John Westendorf, Art Westendorf,**

**Norbert Klingler, Joe Myers,
Kindra Westendorf,
Barbara & Laura Westendorf**
by George & Ruth Bushue

Conrad & Lois Tegeler
by Joyce & David Traub
**Dean Broeringmeyer,
Walter & Marie Althoff**
by Helen Broeringmeyer family

**Bob, Elsie & Tony Osthoff,
Sean Niebrugge, Jess Bowlin,
Ruth & Pete Koester**
by Jim & Carolyn Bowlin

Gerth & Steppe families
by Jerry & Bonnie Steppe

**Art & Dolores Althoff,
Dan Reardon, Mike Kenter**
by Nick & Mary Jo Althoff

Sean Niebrugge, Tony Osthoff
by Tom & Carolyn Bowlin
Carl Levitt,

A.J. & Cecilia Tegenkamp family
by Dorothy Levitt

Jerry Brooks, Clarence & Myrtle Thies
by Mary Ann Brooks

Robert Stephens, Max & Jenny Trujillo
by Katherine Stephens

**Clarence & Mabel Buennemeyer,
Bill & Florence Brummer**
by Ronald & Barbara Brummer