

**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 pick up 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!!

**Moms-N-More morning group** will meet on Monday, January 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the lower level. All parents and members of the community with children infant through primary grades are invited. **Moms-N-More evening group** will meet on Thursday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Joe Sippers. We'll get some organizing tips from guest speaker Peggy Clough of *Organize You*. See you there!

**PSR resumes** on Wednesday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Grade School.

**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.

**Happy New Year** ~ As we begin a new year, please consider the many opportunities to give of your time and talent in serving Christ. We always welcome new faces to our ministries and we encourage you to call the parish office 347.7177 and become more involved.

**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](http://www.aweekendofdiscovery.org).

**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.

**DeColores Spring Weekends:** Men's Weekend ~ March 11-14 and Women's Weekend ~ March 18-21. Lay leaders are Bob & Rita Probst at 217.925.5334. For more information, please contact Tom & Patti Jansen 618.238.4339 or John & Kathy Adams 618.483.5381.

**Pre-Cana Conference** at the Newman Catholic Center at EIU will be Friday evening & Saturday, Feb. 12 & 13. The cost is \$30 with materials and lunch provided. For more information, contact the Newman Catholic Center 217.348.0188 or [newman@eiunewman.org](mailto:newman@eiunewman.org).

**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.

**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.

**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.

#### **Welcome newly baptized**

Madeline Lee Gibson  
Nathaniel Alan Lurkins  
Kallie Marie Phillips  
Lauren Eleanor Kingery  
Bryar Anderson Walker  
Sadie Charlotte Colnar  
Houston Alexander Rogers  
Tera Deann Rogers  
Aubrey Leigh Poe  
Montserrat Xolo Ramirez  
Madgelina Donna Brent  
Michael Yahir Vazquez  
Wade William Sherrod  
Raegan Danielle Dust

### **Liturgy Schedule**

#### **Monday, January 4**

**7:15 a.m.:** Eugene Bigard *by Eufala Bigard*

#### **Tuesday, January 5**

**7:15 a.m.:** Dorothy Huber *by Angela Geltz*

#### **Wednesday, January 6**

**8:30 a.m.:** Bob Swingler *by Tim & Sherry Schuette*

#### **Friday, January 8**

**7:15 a.m.:** Rich Rieman *by Richard Rieman*

#### **Saturday, January 9**

**4:00 p.m.:** Jeanette Wenthe Lamkin *by family*

#### **Sunday, January 10**

**8:30 a.m.:** Joan Adams *by Chuck Kreke*

**10:30 a.m.:** Nick Dust *by Marie Dust family*

**5:30 p.m.:** Herman Tegeler *by Charlie & Paula Tegeler*

**7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass:** Rev. Lawrence Schieber *by Paula Moore*

## WEEKLY OFFERING ~ December 26-27

	<u>Weekly Total</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Envelopes ~ 245	\$ 19,595.25	\$ 335,879.25
Loose	\$ 4,515.08	\$ 42,244.63
Children ~ 31	\$ 30.45	\$ 984.31
Adopt-A-Student	\$ 240.00	\$ 10,835.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,380.78</b>	<b>\$ 389,943.19</b>
<b>Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 390,000.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 9,380.78</b>	<b>- \$ 56.81</b>

### Comparison to 1 Year Ago (YTD)

<u>Total YTD 2008-09</u> <u>07-01-09 to 12-27-09</u>	<u>Total YTD 2007-08</u> <u>07-01-08 to 12-28-08</u>	<u>Difference for YTD</u> <u>07-08 to YTD 08-09</u>
<b>\$ 389,943.19</b>	<b>\$ 359,018.26</b>	<b>+ \$ 30,924.93</b>

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased SCRIP cards for their holiday gift giving! In November & December Sacred Heart SCRIP sales totaled \$119,000.00, with a profit of \$7,000.00 for our school!! This is a huge amount of fundraising in such a little amount of time -- and with little effort. We ask you to please continue using SCRIP for your everyday needs. Remember, SCRIP cards are available (and IN STOCK) for groceries, gas, dining out, clothing, household goods, and much, much, more! Visit [www.sheff.org](http://www.sheff.org) and click on "SCRIP" for additional information and order forms.

**COKE Points** are being collected by Moms-N-More and will be redeemed for playground equipment, books, prizes, and much more! Please save your Coke Rewards points found on 2 liter and 12 and 24 packs of Coke products. Simply keep your 2 liter lid or tear out the code inside the case and send them to school or drop them in the Coke Rewards box in the back of Church.

### Youth Ministry . . .

**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. We'll meet in the lower level of the church.

## Sponsor of the Week



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## School News . . .

Thank you to all the Sacred Heart School students who participated in the children's Mass on Christmas. You did a great job!

On behalf of the students and staff, we thank all those who donated or helped with the students' Advent outreach projects! Your continued generosity to our school and to our community is a true blessing!

The primary grades held a "Baby Shower for Jesus" on December 18. Instead of exchanging gifts among themselves, the K-3 grade students brought in baby clothes, formula, diapers, etc. for Catholic Charities. The students heard the story of Jesus' birth, said prayers, sang Christmas songs, and then presented their gifts to Sister Carol. She thanked the students and shared with them how their donations will help newborn babies who are less fortunate.

### *This week's calendar:*

- Jan. 5 - Girls Volleyball vs. Teutopolis at HOME, 6:15 p.m.
- Jan. 6 - Report cards sent home / PTA meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 7 - Boys Basketball at Dieterich  
Girls Volleyball at Trinity Lutheran
- Jan. 9 - Boys Basketball at Louisville 10:00 a.m.
- No school on Monday, Jan. 18, and early dismissal on Friday, Jan. 29, (11:50 a.m., no lunch served).
- Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, Jan. 31.
- Alumni "Welcome Home" event on Sunday, Feb. 7 ~ following 10:30 a.m. Mass. Join us in the Parish Center for a light lunch, tours of the school, and much more!

Go Green . . . SHS collects the following items to recycle: plastic shopping bags, old cell phones, Campbell Soup UPC codes, "Box Tops for Education" labels, and ink cartridges. Drop items off at school or in the back of church. They also collect aluminum cans on the first Friday of the month.

## 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