

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, infants 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!

Young Hearts Potluck will be Tuesday, January 19, at noon in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Bring your favorite dish and invite a friend to join in the fellowship.

Youth in Action (Y.I.A.) All 7th & 8th graders are invited to attend the Y.I.A. Island Beach Party on Friday, January 22, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Take a break from the cold and have fun with your friends and youth from local parishes!

Baptism Class will be held on Monday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church Lower Level. Call Darlene at 347.7177 to register.

Effingham Ministerial Association would like to thank Sacred Heart Parish for the use of the parish center facilities for their annual Christmas dinner. A special thank you to Carol Toney, Phil Coats, Ken Cleeton, Jon & Lisa Schafer family, Martin's IGA, and over 60 volunteers for making sure every detail was covered. They served 60 people on site and delivered 40 meals to the homebound. Thank you for the hospitality.

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. Adults \$5.00 and \$3.00 for children under 12. Carry outs will be available. Volunteers are needed to set-up on Saturday and to help all day Sunday. Items for the Novelty Store, 25¢ mystery bags and donations of home baked breads and sweet rolls are welcome. If you can help, please call 857.3060.

Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life will be at St. Anthony's Hospital on Monday, January 18. We will pray the rosary at 6:00 p.m. and Mass will begin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Pro-Life Rosary to end abortion will be Friday, January 22, at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Everyone is encouraged to join us to pray for the sanctity of life.

Small Victories Ministry Pro-life Rally and Dinner will be Saturday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 505 Fountains Parkway, Fairview Heights. Advance tickets are required ~ \$20 per person. To make a reservation or for more information call 618.654.5800.

Ministry of Care Program will be Saturday, January 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Auditorium at St. Anthony Hospital. There is no cost; however, there is a limit of 16 participants. To register, call 347.1225.

Catholic Charities Benefit Dinner Dance "A Winter Carnival Ball" will be Saturday, February 6, at the Teutopolis Knights of Columbus. The evening will begin with a social hour at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m., program at 8:00 p.m. followed by dancing to the music of the Music Machine from 9:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from Don Bushue, Terri Petersen, any advisory board member, or Catholic Charities. For more information, contact 217.857.1458.

Annual Mission Trip to Bolivia in South America will be February 11-18. I will be working with Sr. Ann Fearday up in the mountains of LaPaz. Several years ago, I met Fanny who was dying of uterine cancer and raising 4 small children alone after her husband abandoned her. Since her death, we have been instrumental in getting the children legally adopted by their aunt and uncle, gotten them a 2 bedroom home (for 9 people) and purchased a taxi for continuous income of \$100/month. This, all because of your care and generosity. We will be working with Fanny's family again getting them into a bigger house. If they can get this house before we arrive, we will work to make improvements before they move in. The cost to buy this piece of property and house is \$11,000. We have work to do at the school, the hospital and the daycare. I'm asking for your help again to make this happen. You can make a tax-deductible contribution to: Sacred Heart Mission Team – Attn.: Carol Toney, P.O. Box 870, 405 S. Henrietta, Effingham, IL 62401. For more information, call Carol at 821.7607 or e-mail caroltoney52@gmail.com. *Carol Toney*

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, January 11

7:15 a.m.: Dan & Mary Stephens by *Katherine Stephens*

Tuesday, January 12

7:15 a.m.: Roscoe Stephens by *Annabelle Kelnstin*

Wednesday, January 13

8:30 a.m.: Karen & Fernando Oliva by *Joe & Carol Formenti*

Friday, January 15

7:15 a.m.: Terry & Mary Alice Laue by *Gerry & Rose Ann Mathy*

Saturday, January 16

4:00 p.m.: William & Mary Thies family by *Jack Thies*

Sunday, January 17

8:30 a.m.: Ray Will by *Bernard & Dolores Will*

10:30 a.m.: Louis Kinkelaar by *Pat & Sharon Wentz*

5:30 p.m.: For Special Intention by *Bill Dasenbrock*

7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass: Albert Pastor by *Fr. Spriggs*

WEEKLY OFFERING ~ January 2-3

	<i>Weekly Total</i>	<i>Total to Date</i>
Envelopes ~ 298	\$ 21,877.04	\$ 357,756.29
Loose	\$ 2,010.32	\$ 44,254.95
Children ~ 12	\$ 12.00	\$ 996.31
Adopt-A-Student	\$ 306.00	\$ 11,141.00
Total	\$ 24,205.36	\$ 414,148.55
Budget Goal	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 405,000.00
Difference	\$ 9,205.36	\$ 9,148.55

Comparison to 1 Year Ago (YTD)

<i>Total YTD 2008-09 07-01-09 to 01-03-10</i>	<i>Total YTD 2007-08 07-01-08 to 01-04-09</i>	<i>Difference for YTD 07-08 to YTD 08-09</i>
\$ 414,148.55	\$ 379,230.48	+ \$ 34,918.07

~ Extra Collections for the Month of December ~

Catholic Times	\$ 60.00
Human Development	\$ 51.00
Retired Religious	\$ 494.00
Catholic Children Home	\$ 1,420.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 105.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 135.00
Bolivian Mission of Sister Ann Fearday	\$ 621.00
Sacred Heart F.A.C.E.	\$ 410.00
Totals for December	\$ 3,296.00

Extreme Makeover **\$ 100,803.38**

Community Events

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

Sigel St. Michael Card Party will be Sunday, January 17, and February 21 at the parish gym. Admission is \$5.00 and games begin at 6:00 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded and a light snack served during intermission.

Youth Ministry:

Wednesday, January 13, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. all high school students are welcome to join us for a discussion on abortion in the lower level of the church.

Sponsor of the Week

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School News . . .

Our teachers and staff are busy preparing for the upcoming Catholic Schools week Jan. 31-Feb 7. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life." We'll have special school events to coincide with different aspects of Catholic education. In addition, Sacred Heart School will host the Catholic Schools Week Mass on Thursday, Feb. 4, for all the area Catholic schools. This is an exciting time for us as it will be our first-ever time as hosts!

Our girl's volleyball team and boy's basketball teams have started their games! Please attend the games to show your support for our kids. This week's schedule includes:

Monday, Jan. 11

6:15 p.m. Boys basketball at HOME vs. Altamont Lutheran

Tuesday, Jan 12

6:00 p.m. Boys basketball at HOME vs. St. Peter

Wednesday, Jan 13

4:15 p.m. Girls volleyball at Windsor

Thursday, Jan 14

4:15 p.m. Girls volleyball at HOME vs. Newton St. Thomas

6:15 p.m. Boys basketball at Neoga

Friday, Jan. 15-16

8th grade boy's basketball tourney at St. Elmo

In case of inclement weather, please stay tuned to WXF (97.9) for school cancellations. The ALERTNOW phone messages will be sent to the phone numbers you have registered with your school students. A test message has been sent to all phone numbers on record. If you did not receive a message, please contact our school secretary at 217.342.4060.

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.

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, Nicholas Rhodes, Dorothy Levitt, Mardell Weis, Adeline Bailey, Kenneth Buening, Mary Bergbower, Joyce Quandt

January 10, 2010

To keep you informed of the great things happening at Sacred Heart Parish, we'll be providing a monthly bulletin insert with details regarding church and school news, updates on current projects and events, recaps of meetings, and much more. These "great things" will also be posted to www.sheff.org.



Great things are happening at Sacred Heart Parish!

SACRED HEART PARISH SHOWS CONTINUED GENEROSITY

Again, the Sacred Heart Parish community came together in showing the true meaning of Christmas in the spirit of giving. Thank you to everyone who made donations of food, toys, monetary gifts, baby items, etc. With all our help, the Church collected donations for various community charities, and we helped to make Christmas better for those less fortunate. May God continue to bless everyone for our outpouring of love and generosity!

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

As this Christmas season comes to a close, we especially thank the many volunteers who helped in making our Christmas worship so beautiful and meaningful. Because of the many hands involved in our ministries, Sacred Heart Church is thriving!



A very special thank you to our music director, Carol Stumborg, the Sacred Heart Church Choirs, and to our special guests for providing such beautiful music for our Christmas Masses. To the Art & Environment Group, the parish thanks you for creating such a stunning setting in which to celebrate this most holy season. To those who served in the various ministries (many for more than one Mass), serving, ushering, lecturing, bearing gifts, administering Communion, etc., we appreciate your dedication to the Church, and we thank you for volunteering your time. In addition, we'd like to thank the high school students of the parish who served as "Advent Angels" and helped to deliver the many bags of goodies to shut-ins and those in nursing homes. The spirit of Christ was evident in your caring and your caroling!

NEW SACRED HEART PICTURES POSTED AT WWW.FLICKR.COM

Check out all the photos highlighting the great things happening at Sacred Heart Church and School. Visit www.flickr.com and search for Sacred Heart Parish, Effingham, to view the recently posted pictures. To keep in touch with fellow parishioners and/or SHS alumni, check out Sacred Heart on www.facebook.com. You will also find a link to both flickr and facebook at www.sheff.org under the Alumni Association web page.

CONGRATULATIONS

Justin Harder & Jamie Hults, graduates of Sacred Heart School, graduated from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on December 19, 2009. Justin graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Science degree in Computer Management Information Systems. Jamie graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Science degree in Psychology. Congratulations ~ your parish is very proud of you!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

As we prepare to celebrate Catholic Schools Week from January 31-February 7, 2010, we reflect on this year's theme "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life." We'll focus on the fact that what our children **believe**, is even more important than what our children **know**. Sacred Heart School students receive many dividends for life, including Faith, knowledge, discipline, and morals.

During Catholic Schools Week, Sacred Heart students will participate in weekly activities that demonstrate the aforementioned dividends, and will take time to thank those who contribute to Sacred Heart School's Catholic Christian education. These include our Church family and volunteers, our faculty and staff, the Effingham and surrounding community, and our nation.

We're very excited to be first-time hosts of the Catholic Schools Week Mass! On Thursday, February 4, all area Catholic school students and faculty will gather in the Sacred Heart School Gymnasium to celebrate the Eucharist together. Fr. Allen Kemme, pastor at St. Thomas, Newton, will be principal concelebrant and homilist.



ALUMNI "WELCOME HOME" CELEBRATION

Please join us for the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 7. We'll welcome Sacred Heart School alumni, highlight the benefits of a Catholic Christian education, and hear from graduates regarding the impact Sacred Heart School has had on their lives.

Following Mass, everyone is invited to the Parish Center for lunch and fellowship. Tour the classrooms, library, and computer lab, and visit the special displays in the lobby – complete with pictures of past and current SHS students, memorabilia, yearbooks, and much more!!

MEMORIES OF SACRED HEART SCHOOL

We've received a good response thus far with our request for alumni information. Thank you to those who have provided contact information and shared some favorite memories and reasons for being appreciative of a Catholic Christian education at Sacred Heart Grade School. We are pleased to share some of these with you as we prepare for our alumni celebration and reflect on the life-long dividends that a Catholic Christian education provides:

"It was nice to have parental involvement and strict discipline."

"I'm most appreciative for the small class size and caring staff."

"I really enjoyed the togetherness of our small school and participating in 40 hour devotions, choir, and plays."

"SHS gave me a good basis for my moral standards today."

"Forming life-long friendships....I'm still in contact with many of my former SHS classmates."

"I received a very firm foundation for faith and morals – much needed in today's world!"

If you haven't yet contacted the parish office with your information or turned in your alumni card, please do so as soon as possible. You may also email c.hakman@sheff.org.

THE PARISH NEEDS US !!!

As we begin a new year, we must reflect on our past blessings and ask "Lord, how may I better serve you?" There are many opportunities at the parish for each of us to become more involved in His ministries. The Church is in need of Sacristans for each of the Masses. This involves setting out the bread/wine before Mass, turning the lights on, and locking the doors following the last Mass. The more volunteers we have, the less time involved. Contact the parish office at 217.347.7177 to find out more.

The Sacred Heart Parish Picnic is right around the corner! One more couple is needed to help Ron & Nila Pike and Ken & Teresa Haywood as picnic chairs. Please contact Nila Pike at 618.238.4564 to volunteer your time and talent! **The first picnic pre-planning meeting will be held Sunday, February 7 at 9:15 am in the lower level.**