
Have you purchased your tickets for the Games for Giving Casino Night NEXT WEEKEND? Don't miss this evening of unique entertainment. Happy hour begins at 6pm with games from 7-11pm. Heavy hors d'oeuvres served throughout the evening. Your ticket gets you in the door, gets you one automatic entry into the raffle, \$300 fun money, and food/happy hour drinks. ALL THIS FOR ONLY \$50! Contact the parish office to purchase your tickets or visit www.sheff.org. **Stations of the Cross** will be on Fridays during Lent at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart Church.

Reconciliation at Sacred Heart Church will be Sunday, March 21, at 7:00pm.

Sacred Heart Fish Fries will be at Sacred Heart Parish Center on the following Fridays ~ March 12, 19, and 26 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. The menu includes: fish, mac & cheese or baked potato, slaw or applesauce, chips, drink and dessert. Carry-outs available ~ adults \$6.50 / children \$3.00. *March 12 Fish Fry ~ All ladies with last names A-L are asked to bring desserts.*

Easter Flowers offering envelopes are in the March packets. Please indicate on the back of the envelope in memory/honor of a loved one. A special dedication page will be in the Easter bulletin.

Sacristans needed for all Masses ~ Please call the parish office 347.7177 for more information.

Resurrection Choir will practice on Friday, March 12, at 9:30am in church.

Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life will be at Sacred Heart Church, on Monday, March 15. We will pray the rosary at 6:00pm and Mass will begin at 6:30pm. Make a special effort to join us to pray for an end to abortion.

Sacred Heart Parish Pre-Cana will be Saturday, April 17, from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Contact the parish office at 217.347.7177 to register. There is a maximum of 20 couples.

Right to Life Rummage Sale will be Thursday, March 11, from 7:30am to 5:00pm and Friday, March 12, from 7:30am to 3:00pm at the Effingham Knights of Columbus. \$2 bag day on Friday. Items can be dropped off on Wednesday, March 10, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Volunteers are needed. Please call 857.3060 for more information.

Calling all moms! Are you looking to become part of an amazing group? Would you like to share parenting ideas and have support from other moms just like you? Come check out the Moms-N-More Ministry group. Our morning moms will next meet on Monday, March 8, at 8:30am in the Lower Level of the Church. This is an informal gathering (children included!), and donuts, milk, and juice will be served. Our evening moms will next meet on Thursday, March 11, at 6:30pm in the Sacred Heart School library. We look forward to meeting new moms! If you have questions about the group or need additional information, please contact Christy at 217.347.7177.

Michael James Mette is returning to Sacred Heart Parish to give a CONCERT on Friday, March 26, at 7:30pm in the Church. Michael's musical performances are dynamic and spirited as he presents the Gospel of Jesus Christ with his song and praise. Check out the "Great Things" insert in this week's bulletin for more information.

Help us fill the shipping container headed for Haiti! Sacred Heart Parish is spearheading this community-wide project to drill water wells in Haiti. Details provided in this week's "Great Things" insert.

Bolivian Mission a HUGE Success ~ Thank you for your generosity!

Fellow Parishioners,

Well, I've made it back once again from my annual mission trip to Bolivia. Thanks to all for bringing smiles and hope to some of the poorest people in the world. With your donations I was able to bring lots of medicines, supplies, clothes, and of course some of your letters to the FACE (Foster a Child Everyday) kids. I want to thank you for sharing YOUR blessings with these people that you have never seen, in a country that you may never visit and in poverty conditions we will never experience. I'm sure God is smiling on us. Also, please keep the people in Haiti and Chile in your prayers as they struggle through their devastation.

~ Carol Toney

Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,

What a joy it is to have Carol Toney with us. She came with all kinds of medicines, letters, and goodies for the children of the FACE program, and of course your monetary support. I cannot express sufficiently my gratitude for the way your parish reaches out to our Bolivian mission efforts.

Wishing you many blessings in the name of our people.

~ Sister Ann Fearday

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 8

7:15am: Herman Tegeler by *Tom & Lorraine Althoff*

Tuesday, March 9

7:15am: Roscoe & Mardell Stephens by *Katherine Stephens*

Wednesday, March 10

8:30am: Karla Niebrugge by *Louis & Esther Feldhake*

Friday, March 12

7:15am: Rosa Rieman by *Richard Rieman*

Saturday, March 13

4:00pm: Bill Rezabeck by *family*

Sunday, March 14

8:30am: Joan Adams by *Pat Kreke*

10:30am: Mary Grunloh by *Sue Monroe*

5:30pm: Todd William Koester by *Gary & Kathy Koester*

7:00pm Spanish Mass: Ginny Dasenbrock by *Terri Phillips*

WEEKLY OFFERING ~ February 27-28

	<i>Weekly Total</i>	<i>Total to Date</i>
Envelopes ~ 309	\$ 13,512.00	\$ 451,394.79
Loose	\$ 1,742.57	\$ 55,420.45
Children ~ 60	\$ 60.95	\$ 1,488.21
Adopt-A-Student	\$ 825.00	\$ 13,037.00
Total	\$ 16,140.52	\$ 521,340.45
Budget Goal	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 525,000.00
Difference	\$ 1,140.52	- \$ 3,659.55

Comparison to 1 Year Ago (YTD)

<i>Total YTD 2009-10 07-01-09 to 02-28-10</i>	<i>Total YTD 2008-09 07-01-08 to 03-01-09</i>	<i>Difference for YTD 08-09 to YTD 09-10</i>
\$ 521,340.45	\$ 498,617.48	+ \$ 22,722.97

Community Events

St. Mary's Brunch will be Sunday, March 7, from 8:00am to noon at St. Mary's Parish Center, Ste. Marie.

Lillyville Sacred Heart Church Annual Breakfast will be Sunday, March 14, from 7:00am to noon at Lillyville Hall.

St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be Sunday, March 14, from 11:00am to 2:00pm, at Mother of Dolores Parish Center, Vandalia.

St. Isidore Spring Breakfast will be Sunday, March 21, from 7:00am to noon at the St. Aloysius Hall in Bishop Creek.

Effingham Child Development Soup Supper/Auction will be Sunday, March 21, from 11:00am to 4:00pm at the Effingham VFW. Homemade vegetable or chicken noodle soup, sandwich or hotdog, veggies, crackers, and dessert.

Youth Ministry:

March 26 ~ Fish Fry workers needed from 4:30pm to 7:30pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Please sign up to work a shift. Proceeds will help finance our youth going on the "Franciscans for the Poor" trip in June.

March 26 ~ Michael James Mette concert at 7:30pm in Sacred Heart Church. Come, enjoy & invite friends!!

April 1 ~ Deadline to turn in registration form and \$50 deposit for mission trip.

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School News . . .

Terra Nova test scores are in, and Sacred Heart School scored well above average in all 30 areas tested. In over 25 of the areas tested, Sacred Heart School scored higher than the Diocesan average. Terra Nova is a standardized achievement test given to assess all areas of education. Scores help to identify and examine areas of strength and weakness in the performance of students, as well as help teachers plan for curriculum development and to report results and progress to parents.

The end of the third quarter is Friday, March 12, and report cards will be sent home on March 17.

Congratulations to our 7th grade girl's volleyball team on their first-round regional win! 7th grade sectionals and 8th grade regionals will begin this week. Good luck Lady Shamrocks!

Grade 2-8 Reconciliation this Wednesday following the 8:30am School Mass.

Good luck to all SHS students who will perform in the Literary Contest, Saturday, March 13, in Newton.

Students will be treated to a traditional Irish music performance compliments of Larry Passalauqua on the morning of March 16 (SHS gymnasium) in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

School Board Meeting Mon., March 8, 5:30pm, in library.

Save the date for our annual Pig Out Breakfast on April 11th. This event is sponsored by the PTA.

Young Hearts Potluck will be held on Tuesday, March 16, at noon in the Parish Center. Come out and shake those winter blues! Sacred Heart School Kindergarteners will be entertaining us with their square dancing. Meat is provided. Bring a dish to share.

Prescription Eye Glasses found in the handicapped restroom of the church. Please call the parish office to identify. If you have lost any other items, please check in the lost and found in the usher's room.

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, 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, Jodi Waymoth, Mirta Donnelly, Evelyn Krone, Jeanie Knabe, Sylvan Bauer, Phyllis Stock, Charlie Meyers, Jackie Luchtefeld, Shannan Miner, Carolyn Koerner, Joyce Westjohn, Joyce Vahling, Kathy Smith, Nicholas Rhodes, Dorothy Levitt, Mardell Weis, Adeline Bailey, Kenneth Buening, Mary Bergbower, Joyce Quandt, Carol Utz