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## More Lethal “Shenanigans” from our legislators in Springfield . . .

Once again, there is legislation in Springfield that would violate personal conscience to pay for the killing of the unborn with public money.

This year’s legislation has been amended so that its most egregious demand is the use of public money to pay for all “reproductive health services.” These services include abortion, emergency contraception without pregnancy testing, and in-vitro fertilization for *all* Medicaid recipients, people on state health insurance plans, and any other programs providing state “medical assistance.” If this legislation becomes law, money you send to state government to meet the shared needs of society will instead be used to fund abortion and emergency contraception without pregnancy testing. At the very least, to add this kind of expense to the budget now is irresponsible.

Accordingly, again we are asked to make our voices heard in Springfield. Please contact your elected representatives this week and urge them to oppose House Bill 6205. If your representative indicates that they oppose the legislation, please thank them. To find out the identity and contact information of your state representative in Springfield, go to Legislator Lookup at [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov) or call the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 312.368.1066.

**Stations of the Cross** will be on Fridays during Lent at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart Church.

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

**Holy Week Ministry Signup Sheets** are in the back of church. Please sign up by Monday, March 22, so the schedule can be finalized.

**Easter Flower** 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.

**Sacred Heart Fish Fries** will be at Sacred Heart Parish Center on the following Fridays ~ March 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 19 Fish Fry ~ All ladies with last names M-Z are asked to bring desserts.*

**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.

**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.

**Michael James Mette Concert** will be on Friday, March 26, at 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church. Michael was instrumental in implementing the first youth-based Mass at Sacred Heart Church. He recently released a CD of modern rock worship music. Before the concert, join us for a “meet and greet” beginning at 6:45pm in the church. Free will offering will be taken.

**Baptism Class** will be on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Call Darlene at 217.347.7177 to register.

**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.

**Volunteer needed** ~ Detail oriented person is needed to assist with grant writing for the parish and school. Upcoming workshop to provide guidelines and tips. Contact Christy at the parish office for more details.

**Garage Sale and Bake Sale** for Mark & Rebekah Volk family will be Saturday, March 27, from 8:00am to noon in the Teutopolis High School Cafeteria. Any donations can be dropped off on Friday, March 26, from 3:30 to 5:30pm. at the High School Cafeteria. No clothing or computers, please. Any questions, call Teutopolis High School at 857.3139.

**Help us fill the shipping container headed for Haiti!** Sacred Heart Parish is teaming up with Cross International Organization and spearheading a community-wide project to drill water wells and help with the rebuilding process in Haiti. Items needed include general hand tools, battery-powered drills, work boots, work gloves, hard hats, pipe, pumps, grinders, etc. Tents and tarps are also needed for shelter. The only clothing items needed are men’s shorts, t-shirts, and socks. The food request is for red beans and rice, which should be packed into plastic bags for transporting. Please drop off items at Sacred Heart Parish office or bring them to the Church anytime in the next few weeks. For additional information or if items need to be picked up, please call 217.347.7177. Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted to purchase a much-needed welder and lengths of pipe to complete the drilling. Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Liturgy Schedule

### **Monday, March 15**

**7:15am:** Louis Volk *by Tim & Sherry Schuette*

### **Tuesday, March 16**

**7:15am:** Linda Root *by family & friends*

### **Wednesday, March 17**

**8:30am:** Bob Buening *by family*

### **Friday, March 19**

**7:15am:** Joseph Ciraulo *by Marilyn Wirth*

### **Saturday, March 20**

**4:00pm:** Gerry & Dan Fasig *by Ann Fasig*

**7:00pm Spanish Mass:** George Pastor, Sr. *by Fr. Spriggs*

### **Sunday, March 21**

**8:30am:** Don Grunloh *by family*

**10:30am:** Gene & Zita Reis *by Glenda Schwartz*

**5:30pm:** Eddie Dasenbrock *by Bernice Hamilton*

## WEEKLY OFFERING ~ March 6-7

	<u>Weekly Total</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Envelopes ~ 282	\$ 13,606.97	\$ 465,001.76
Loose	\$ 1,341.52	\$ 56,761.97
Children ~ 56	\$ 57.35	\$ 1,545.56
Adopt-A-Student	\$ 210.00	\$ 13,247.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,215.84</b>	<b>\$ 536,556.29</b>
<b>Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 540,000.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 215.84</b>	<b>- \$ 3,443.71</b>

### Comparison to 1 Year Ago (YTD)

<u>Total YTD 2009-10</u> <u>07-01-09 to 03-07-10</u>	<u>Total YTD 2008-09</u> <u>07-01-08 to 03-08-09</u>	<u>Difference for YTD</u> <u>08-09 to YTD 09-10</u>
<b>\$ 536,556.29</b>	<b>\$ 514,172.95</b>	<b>+ \$ 22,383.34</b>

### ~ Extra Collections for the Month of February ~

Catholic Times	\$ 335.00
Latin America	\$ 66.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 962.36
Bolivian Mission Trip	\$ 4,767.92
Bolivian Mission of Sister Ann Fearday	\$ 1,272.00
Sacred Heart F.A.C.E.	\$ 1,225.00
<b>Totals for February</b>	<b>\$ 8,628.28</b>
<b>Extreme Makeover</b>	<b>\$ 17,966.00</b>

### Community Events

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

**St. Mary's Catholic Church Soup Supper** will be Sunday, March 14, 3:00 to 6:30pm at St. Mary's, Neoga.

**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 Bishop Creek-St. Aloysius Hall.

### 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.

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

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## School News . . .

Lots of exciting things are happening at Sacred Heart School. Our students (and teachers) have been very busy!

- ♣ Son-Shine Preschool (3 yr. olds) celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss with green eggs and ham; they are also learning about rainbows and flowers and counting to 10.
  - ♣ King's Kids Preschool (4 yr. olds) are counting by 5's and will be keeping an eye out watching for those mischievous leprechauns.
  - ♣ Kindergarten and first grade students have been blasting into space and diving deep into the ocean! They are also reading a special Lenten booklet *Journey of Love*.
  - ♣ Grade 2 is continuing to prepare for Holy Communion and also "borrowing" in math.
  - ♣ Grade 3 is reading *Little House on the Prairie* and celebrated "Laura Ingalls Wilder Day."
  - ♣ Grade 4 is reading *The Castle in the Attic* and just made the medallion necklace from the story. In Religion, they just finished the story of Isaiah and are preparing for the Stations of the Cross.
  - ♣ Grade 5 is studying the sacrament of Service of Communion (Holy Orders and Marriage). They are also learning about the Revolutionary War - even performing newscasts for 2nd and 3rd grade.
  - ♣ Grade 6 is busy studying the five weeks of Lent, Holy Week, and the Triduum. In Social Studies, the students are exploring the vast and various geography of North America—working in groups to create a brochure for various locations in North America.
  - ♣ Grade 7 excelled in their quest to conquer compliments and phrases in English!
  - ♣ Grade 8 is beginning to prepare for the Stations of the Cross Play on March 31 and April 2. They also attended orientation at St. Anthony High School, and are preparing for their biography project where they portray a historical character.
- Sacred Heart School will host a *Junior High Open House* on Tuesday, March 16, from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Parents and students can explore the benefits of the Jr. High program, tour the facility, participate in hands-on activities, and experience our new virtual science lab.

## 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, Janet Knabe, Amanda Swan, Quade Aldrich, Mark Rogers, Doug Myers, Michael Platz, Jodi Waymoth, Mirta Donnelly, Evelyn Krone, Jeanie Knabe, 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