

Dear Parishioners,

The readings this week seem to give us a before and after picture. Or maybe we could call it a “without” and a “with” picture. The first reading from Job describes a very bleak image of the suffering and brevity of human life. To be fair this is not the total picture of Job in his suffering. He is actually a man of very deep faith. In this letter though, he is very much in solidarity with suffering humanity. Job describes his own suffering in a way that resonates for many people today.

When we focus on our suffering or our struggles we can easily get into this kind of a funk. As Job says, “Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery? ... My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle; they come to an end without hope.” It sounds like modern day existentialism. Later in the story though we see Job turn his gaze back outward to God where he does find great hope even in suffering.

If this part of Job is the before or the “without” picture, then the gospel for today is the after or the “with” picture. Once we have Jesus, the presence of God among us, we have healing and hope. We have a place to go with our suffering. Jesus also, as we know, suffers greatly and in solidarity with us enters into the depths of the worst suffering of the human condition. His Resurrection is our hope. We see shades of it in this gospel reading.

Simon’s mother-in-law was sick with a fever and Jesus “approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.” The Greek word used here that is translated “helped her up” is the same word that is used in many of the healings described in Mark. It is also used at the end of the gospel when we are told that Jesus has been “raised.” It means to set someone upright or to bring them to full health. The people flock to Jesus clamoring for healing and freedom from evil spirits. They now have hope.

Our lack of full health either in body or soul is a reminder of our great need for God. Our hope is in Jesus Christ. Ultimately, our hope is in the Resurrection. From the time of Jesus to today humanity has experienced miraculous healings. These are gifts of God that tell us we are not alone and that God does intend for us to be upright and in full health. They are reminders that God knows our condition and doesn’t intend for us to stay in it. Rather God wants us with Him in the Resurrection for all eternity – the ultimate healing and freedom of body and soul.

Please continue to keep all of the sick and the suffering of our parish in your prayers. Remember that many of them are offering up their suffering for our sake. I am sure we are all very grateful for their charity and prayers.

As a reminder or in case you missed it, the web link from Bishop’s letter last week regarding the ruling by the U.S. Department of Health and Human services is: www.usccb.org/conscience. Please keep an overturn of this ruling and a return of religious liberty in your prayers and personal efforts. Thank you!

In Christ,
Fr. David Hoefler

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women . . .

- **Luncheon meeting** will be on Tuesday, February 7, at noon in the parish center. All ladies of the parish are invited to come to the meeting and enjoy soup, sandwiches and dessert.
- **Fish Fry signup sheets** are in the back of church.

Sacred Heart Church Blood Drive will be Sunday, February 12, from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. A FREE soup mug and special Chef Cat Cora recipe card to all those who donate blood.

Welcome new families

Brad & Stacey Mette
Steve & Cindy Croy
Julie Petersen
Gwen Bushue
Adam & Rachel Miller
Chad & Pam Kiefer
Jacob Spannagel
Connie Blackwell
Kye & Erica Petersen
Jill Westendorf
Barry & Darlene May
Dylan & Sarah Altgilbers

Welcome newly baptized

Giovanni deJesus Bucio
Julius Anthony Ramos
Kayla Elaine McGuire
Cali Drew Luett
Jared Lawrence Klingler
Colton Vincent Mette
Olivia Marie Gibson
Mara Elisa Gibson
Owen Andrew Altgilbers

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, February 6

7:15am: Marilyn Michaelree

Tuesday, February 7

7:15am: Ginny Dasenbrock

Wednesday, February 8

8:30am: Norma Gardewine

Thursday, February 9

7:15am: Living & deceased members of the Gary & Kathy Koester family

Friday, February 10

7:15am: Jack Thies

Saturday, February 11

4:00pm: Walter & Mary Kreke

Sunday, February 12

8:30am: Tudie Kreke

10:30am: Mary Perry

5:30pm: Kindra, Laura & Barbara Westendorf

7:00pm Spanish Mass: For Our Parishioners

WEEKLY OFFERING ~ January 28-29

	<i>Weekly Total</i>	<i>Total to Date</i>
Envelopes ~ 226	\$ 8,337.00	\$ 352,292.79
Loose	\$ 1,352.39	\$ 40,963.55
Children ~ 14	\$ 14.56	\$ 1,301.97
Adopt-A-Student	\$ 135.00	\$ 9,796.25
Total	\$ 9,838.95	\$ 404,354.56
Budget Goal	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 465,000.00
Difference	- \$ 5,161.05	- \$ 60,645.44

Comparison to 1 Year Ago (YTD)

<i>Total YTD 2011-12 07-01-11 to 01-29-12</i>	<i>Total YTD 2010-11 07-01-10 to 01-30-11</i>	<i>Difference for YTD 10-11 to YTD 11-12</i>
\$ 404,354.56	\$ 453,517.25	- \$ 49,162.69

~ Extra Collections for the Month of January ~

Catholic Times	\$ 2,370.00
Latin America	\$ 317.00
Catholic Children's Home	\$ 16.00
Sacred Heart F.A.C.E. & Bolivia Mission	\$ 1,761.15

Totals for January **\$ 4,464.15**

Extreme Makeover **\$ 11,300.00**

Springfield Diocese Runners and Walkers . . .

You are invited to join the new Springfield LIFE Runners Chapter. LIFE Runners are LIFE Group Devotions members who pray, raise funds and run, *all In Christ, for Pro-Life!*

Bishop Paprocki is the 2012 Chaplain for the National LIFE (Living in Faith Exchange) Runners Group. The first group training run will be Saturday, February 25, at noon, starting at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. For more details, and to join, please see the Springfield LIFE Runners Facebook Page or email kevin@LIFEgroup413.org.

Rural King Fundraiser ~ Save your original Rural King receipts for purchases made between February 12-19. In return, Rural King will donate 5% of the total receipts to Sacred Heart Church. You can drop off receipts in the collection basket or at the church office. This is a great way for the church raise additional funds.

Sponsor of the Week



SEE A BUG . . . CALL

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Termites, Roaches, Mice

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1015 S. Willow St.
Effingham, IL 62401

School News . . .

Attention Smartphone Users: Sacred Heart Parish now has various QR Codes! Short for Quick Response, a QR code contains information that is photographed by and displayed on your smartphone.



This code for Sacred Heart Parish takes you to www.sheff.org where you can view our calendar of events, read the bulletin, and keep up to date on church and school activities. Stay tuned for additional codes and information!

Sacred Heart School Calendar of Events:

Monday, February 6

4:15pm: Girls Volleyball vs Altamont @ home

Tuesday, February 7

4:00pm: Girls Volleyball @ Effingham Jr. High

4:15pm: 5/6th Basketball vs. Cowden @ home

Wednesday, February 8

6:30pm: First Communion Parent Meeting @ Parish Ctr.

Thursday, February 9

4:00pm: Girls Volleyball vs. Altamont Lutheran @ home

Friday, February 10

4:00pm: 5/6th Basketball vs. Windsor @ home

Saturday, February 11

7th Grade Girls Volleyball NTC Tournament @ Cowden

It's that time again.....

Carol Toney is returning to LaPaz, Bolivia, SA

I will be returning to the mission fields of LaPaz, Bolivia in South America to work with Sr. Ann Fearday from March 1-8. Sr. Ann is requesting a good new or used laptop computer, medical supplies, medicine and an ultrasound unit to monitor babies while in labor. I will also be seeing 'Fanny's kids'. Little Rosario needs a set of flannel sheets due to a skin condition that makes her bleed easily. If you would like to help with any of these items, please make your check payable to "Sacred Heart Bolivia Mission Team" by Sunday, Feb. 12, and indicate what you would like to donate. Any amount, large or small goes a LONG way. And, they are so appreciative of all the help that Sacred Heart parishioners have provided.

I will also be taking letters from those who are sponsoring a FACE (Foster a Child Everyday) child or anyone who wishes to write a note to Sr. Ann for all her work. Donations can be marked "Sacred Heart Bolivia Mission Team" and dropped in the collection basket by Feb. 12 - or mailed to Sacred Heart Church, 405 S Henrietta, PO Box 870, Effingham, IL 62401.

~ Prayer List ~



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, in the hospital, nursing homes, recovering from surgery and those who are in need: Chris Utz, Agnes Walk, Kimberly Poe, Deanne Huey, Greg Webb, Richard Rentfrow

First Communion parent meeting will take place Wednesday, February 8, from 6:30-7:30pm in the parish center. Parents of all children preparing to receive First Communion must attend.

Culver's Fundraiser! Please support the Sacred Heart youth who will attend Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer by eating at Culver's on Sunday, February 19, from 11:00am-2:00pm. Culver's will donate 10% of the sales to help fund our mission trip. Plus, it will be a great chance to indulge before the Lenten fast begins!

Confirmation Reminders: The one page paper about the saint you have chosen for your Confirmation name is due by February 22. The Confirmation retreat is Saturday, February 25, from 8:00am-2:00pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. All students preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this spring are required to attend.

Parents save the date for Wednesday, February 29, from 6:30-7:30pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Center and attend "Sacred Scripture: Foundational to Our Catholic Faith" to hear an engaging speaker share tips on how to share our faith and scripture with your children.

Mark Your Calendar for VBS and Totus Tuus this summer! Vacation Bible School will be held June 11-15 at St. Anthony. Totus Tuus will be held July 15-20 at Sacred Heart. Totus Tuus is a week-long Catholic summer "parish mission" program for youth in 1st-12th grade, and is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through Catechetical Instruction, Christian Witness, Vocational Discernment, Marian Devotion, and Eucharistic Worship.

Updates from Youth Minister, Kate Pruemer . . .

High School Youth Group:

Saturday, February 11, from 12:00-7:30pm: Join us for our annual ice skating trip! We'll go to Champaign to ice skate from 1:30-4:00pm, eat pizza, and attend Mass at St. John's Catholic Newman Center on the U of I campus. Permission slips are available in the back of the church and on the parish website.

Third annual Father/Daughter Sweetheart Dance will be held on Sunday, February 12, from 1:00-3:00pm in the St. Anthony Parish Center. Spend the afternoon with dad/grandpa for dancing, dessert, pictures & fun! Tickets are \$5.00 per person (make check payable to St. Anthony Parish.) Registration forms are due by Monday, Feb. 6, at the school or church office. For more information or if you would like to help decorate or provide baked goods & small desserts for the dance, please contact Christy Elder at 821.9595. Burkland's is also offering corsages at a discounted rate if ordered by February 8.

Attention All Music Ministers . . .

Everyone involved in the music ministry at Sacred Heart is invited to attend a workshop on Wednesday, February 8, beginning at 7:00pm in church. Those who should come include the resurrection choir, parish choir, men's choir, guitar group and ALL cantors. The purpose of this workshop is to prepare for Lent so it is very important that you attend!! If you are thinking about joining the music ministry, now is the time. All are welcome and encouraged to join. If you are unable to be there, call Carol at the parish office at 347.7177.

The next practice will be Tuesday, March 6, at 8:30am in church. It is very important that ALL choir members be there as we will be preparing for Good Friday.

Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.

Carol Stumborg, music director

**Sacred Heart School Open House,
Preschool Preview and Kindergarten Sneak Peek**

Sacred Heart School invites you and your children to join us on **Thursday, February 16.**

♣ **OPEN HOUSE:** 5:30-7:30pm

♣ **KINDERGARTEN "SNEAK PEEK":**

Choose from two sessions: 1:30-2:30pm or 6:30-7:30pm (pre-registration is suggested)

♣ **PRESCHOOL PREVIEW:** 5:30-7:30pm

We encourage you to walk the halls of Sacred Heart School, visit our classrooms, and to talk with our students, parents, and faculty. You'll quickly witness how Christ is the center of all that we do here – and realize the benefits of a full-time Catholic education and Christian atmosphere. Come experience all the great things happening at Sacred Heart School!

Check out www.sheff.org for more information or phone 217.342.4060.

Registration for Sacred Heart School's Preschool and PreK programs is now open to current students and siblings of current students, as well as parishioners of Sacred Heart Church. Son-Shine Kids Preschool students must turn 3 years old on or before September 1, 2012, and must be potty trained. Sessions will be offered Mon/Wed and Tues/Thurs from 8:30am-11:30am. King's Kids PreK students must turn 4 years old on or before December 31, 2012. Sessions are offered Mon/Wed and Tues/Thurs from 8:30am-1:30pm (hot lunch included). Registration forms are available in the parish and school offices and online at www.sheff.org. Due to limited class sizes, you are urged to return forms and fees to the school office before Wednesday, February 15, to reserve your child's place, as the class will be open to the public on Thursday, February 16. For questions regarding Preschool/PreK enrollment, please contact Jill Dust at 217.342.4060.

Pre-Cana Dates . . .

- * **Newman Catholic Center at E.I.U.** will be on February 10 & 11. Call 217.348.0188 to register.
 - * **St. Anthony Parish, Effingham** on Sunday, March 4, beginning with 9:15am Mass. Call 347.7129 to register. Class size is limited to 15 couples.
 - * **Sacred Heart Parish, Effingham** on Saturday, September 15. Log on to www.dio.org to register.
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Healing the Grieving Heart, an adult grief support program, will be held at St. Anthony Hospital Auditorium from February 20-March 26 at 6:30pm. Pre-registration is required. Call 217.347.1529.

Community Events . . .

Newman Breakfast will be Sunday, February 5, from 7:00am to noon at the Teutopolis K of C. All you can eat whole hog sausage, scrambled and fried eggs, pancakes and hash browns will be served. All proceeds go to the Newman Fund.

Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by the St. Francis Church Catholic Heart Work Camp will be Saturday, February 11, from 7:00pm-9:00pm at the Teutopolis Grade School gym. Advance tickets are \$20 for a dad and one daughter (\$25 at the door) and \$5 for each additional daughter. Contact Angie Hotze or St. Francis Parish at 857.6404 for more details.

St. Rose Catholic Church Annual Breakfast will be Sunday, February 12, serving from 7:00am to noon at St. Rose Church, Montrose. They will be serving whole hog sausage, ham, eggs, pancakes, rolls, and drinks. Large plate \$6.00; small \$4.00.

Card Party will be held at Sigel St. Michael's Parish Gym on Sunday, February 12, at 6:00pm. Admission is \$5.00. Cash prizes will be awarded and light snacks during intermission. Come and enjoy a fun night of playing cards with family, friends and neighbors.

Sigel St. Michael School Swine & Dine Breakfast will be Sunday, February 26, from 7:00am to noon. They will be serving whole hog sausage, eggs, pancakes, roll, and drinks. Large plate ~ \$6.00; small plate ~ \$4.00. All proceeds benefit the school.

Friends of St. Hedwig Haus of Hospitality Soup Supper and Raffle will be Sunday, February 26, from 3:30pm-6:30pm at the Teutopolis Knights of Columbus. Free will offering dinner includes soup, sandwich, desserts, and a drink. Raffle & 50/50 drawing during the event. All proceeds go towards operating expenses of the Charleston House which serves women and their children in need. Any questions, call Fr. John Titus at 345.3332.

Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge will be Saturday, March 3, at Lake Sara in Effingham. Registration begins at 11:00am with a noon plunge. For more information, call Kimberly Abell at 217.345.2424 or e-mail her at kabell@soill.org. All proceeds benefit Special Olympics Athletes.

Picnic Meeting is this Sunday, February 5, after the 8:30am Mass at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. All stand chairpeople from last year are asked to attend. This is our first meeting, so please come or send someone to pick up your information. If you would like to co-chair a stand or help with planning, we would love to have you.

Casino Night hosted by Sacred Heart & St. Anthony Parishes will be Saturday, March 10, at the Effingham Knights of Columbus. If you're interested in being a part of this exciting event or would like to sign up as a casino dealer, contact Christy Hakman, 217.347.7177 or e-mail c.hakman@sheff.org. Complete information included on the insert in the bulletin. Tickets can be purchased at both parish and school offices. Complete information is also available on www.sheff.org.

St. Isidore Youth Ministry Soup Supper and Eucharistic Day of Prayer

The St. Isidore Youth Ministry will be hosting its annual *soup supper* in conjunction with the day of prayer at St. Aloysius Church on Sunday, February 12. Soup, sandwiches and dessert will be served from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in St. Aloysius Hall. A basket raffle will also take place. *A Eucharistic Day of Prayer* will be held at St. Aloysius Church after the 8:00am Mass and continues throughout the day with a closing benediction at 6:30pm. Prayer services for a variety of intentions will be held. Please plan to come and spend time with our Lord asking for the grace to carry our daily cross.

Diocesan Youth Conference 2012 - High school youth and their adult chaperones are invited to the 2012 Diocesan Youth Conference that will be March 9-10, 2012 at the Lake Williamson Christian Conference Center in Carlinville, IL. The event will feature musical entertainment, motivational speakers and a chance for youth and adults to meet and share ideas about how to celebrate the young Church of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Details are available on the diocesan website <http://www.dio.org/youthministry> or call Kyle Holtgrave at 217.698.8500 ext.154.

Let Christ Color Your World

You are invited to attend a DeColores en Christo (The Colors of Christ) weekend to renew your faith. Share the Eucharists, pray the Way of the Cross, listen to a series of talks, and make new friends. The weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends Sunday mid afternoon.

• Stan Ozenkoski is the leader for the Men's Weekend to be held March 22 to March 25.

• Cis Ozenkoski is the leader for the Women's Weekend to be held March 29 to April 1.

For more information, call Jerry & Susan Vogt 217.844.2321 or Tom & Patti Jansen at 618.238.4339 or the Ozenkoski's at 217.857.6045.
