



SACRED HEART

Catholic Parish



Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy

April 7, 2024



Sacred Heart Church

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Thank you to everyone who joined us during Holy Week. It was a beautiful and deeply spiritual week! Special thanks to our Art & Environment Committee for creating such a beautiful and spiritual space where our church family can come together in prayer. Also

thank you to the liturgical ministers, music groups, and servers for their help each day.



This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This special day completes the Easter Octave. The miracle of Easter is not celebrated just on one day! It is celebrated each and every day—but especially during the Easter Octave which represents God’s perfect completion in our lives and the eternity He offers us through His grace and mercy. In a nutshell, the Easter

Octave represents our journey to Heaven through the course of our lives. It starts on Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead and opened the gates of Heaven. The next seven days are symbolic of our lives—our pilgrimage on earth, looking for Heaven. Once we get to the eighth day (Divine Mercy Sunday), we can enter into Eternity through the door Jesus opened on Easter.

For more details about Divine Mercy Sunday, see page 3 of this bulletin.



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Families are invited to purchase flowers to be displayed by the tabernacle throughout the year in memory/honor of a loved one. To schedule a date for a particular weekend, please contact Vicki Walker at 217-821-6179.

Visit www.sheff.org
to learn more about our parish.

During a life emergency, while offices
are closed, please contact
217.703.1042 to reach a priest.

Welcome to Sacred Heart - we're glad that you're here!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday, April 8

E-Learning Day: Solar Eclipse

Tuesday, April 9

Meyer Twins Art 3:00-5:00pm;

Scholar Bowl at North Clay 4:00pm;

Track at Effingham 4:30pm

Thursday, April 11

Scholar Bowl at Altamont 4:00pm

Friday, April 12

Fourth Quarter Midterm;

Track at Altamont Invitational 4:00pm



Our men's group will start a new video series this Thursday: "Mysteries of the Rosary". Each week is a visual decade of the sorrowful mysteries filmed on location in the Holy Land. It is beautiful and inspiring! Enter into the Mysteries of Christ and rediscover the power of the rosary. The group meets in the narthex on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. All men are welcome!

Would you like to play softball with Sacred Heart Parish? The Effingham Park District has a church softball league that plays on Tuesday evenings. It is a casual and relaxed co-ed league of all skill levels and offers fellowship between local churches. If we have interest, Sacred Heart Church could join this league with a team. If you are interested in playing softball on Tuesday evenings, please contact the parish office.

SACRED HEART CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 9

Study Group in church narthex 9:15am

Wednesday, April 10

PSR Classes in Sacred Heart School 6:30pm,

Blessing of PSR Confirmation/First Communion student rosaries and faith-related items;

Divorce Recovery Group in church lower level 7:00pm

Thursday, April 11

Men's Prayer Group in narthex 7:00pm

Friday, April 12

Pray the Rosary in the church 9:00am

Saturday, April 13

Rosary Making in narthex 9:00am

Prayer List

Pat Prichard, Britney (Walters) Chester, Barb Hoefft, Carolyn Ordner, Tom Hewing, Bill Foreman, Jackson Gaitros, Mindy Reardon, Avery Gardewine Braunecker, Holly Althoff Newburn, Dawson Althoff, Bill Frese, Linda Frese, Sister Pat Thies, Lucinda Herboth, David Dow, Cindy Rogger, Bill Weis, Mary Jane Behrman

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in joining our Willowbrook ministry team. We plan to visit Willowbrook Memory Support Residences once a month. This can be one-on-one activities with residents (such as cards, puzzles, or reading to them), or group activities (such as bingo or crafts).

Our Divorce Recovery group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the church basement. Please join them if you are looking for healing or peace from a divorce. Contact Joye Heal at 321-246-4305 for details.



Our Tuesday morning study group will start a new book study this week: "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary" by Brant Pitre.

This will be seven-week series. The group meets in the narthex following Tuesday 8:30am Mass. Everyone is welcome!

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, April 8

8:30am: †Jim Painter

Tuesday, April 9

8:30am: †Diana Fuesting

Wednesday, April 10

8:30am: †Louis & †Leila Volk

Thursday, April 11

8:30am: †John Golba

Friday, April 12

8:30am: Living and Deceased Members of the †Jerry Vonderheide Family

Saturday, April 13

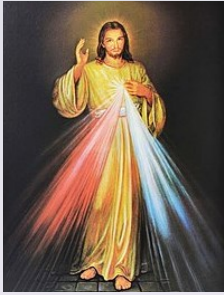
4:00pm: †Dolores Kingery

Sunday, April 14

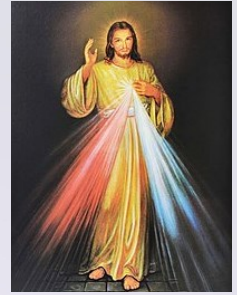
8:30am: †John Hollinshead

10:30am: For Our Parishioners

7:00pm: La Misa en Español



Divine Mercy Sunday



Pope St. John Paul II named this feast 'Divine Mercy Sunday' due to a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina, which she documented in her diary, entry 699:

“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.”

In order to fully receive the mercies available on Divine Mercy Sunday, you should be free of sin (having recently been to Confession) and should pray the following prayer after receiving Communion: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a poor sinner. Jesus, You promised St. Faustina that the soul who has been to confession (I have), and the soul that receives Holy Communion (I just did), will receive complete forgiveness of all sin and punishment. Please give me this grace.*

For more information about The Divine Mercy, visit: thedivinemercy.org
For a short video describing Divine Mercy Sunday, visit: [youtube.com/watch?v=4R2tOEFddig](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4R2tOEFddig)

At Sacred Heart Parish, we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the church each week day at 3:15pm and at 3:00pm on Saturday. Please join us!

Mass intentions are \$10 and can be scheduled in the parish office Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Any questions or if you would like additional information, please call the parish office at 217-347-7177.

Our April PSR Family Night will be Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30pm at The Cross at the Crossroads. Wear your gardening clothes as we will be doing some spring yardwork around the Welcome Center... pulling weeds, trimming bushes, etc. Please bring your gardening gloves and gardening snips if you have them. This will be a fun night of giving back to our community!

You're invited to the Sacred Heart School Dinner Theater on Thursday, May 2! For more details, check out this fun graphic created by SHS students.

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**Sunday,
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7:00am - Noon

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Menu

Whole Hog Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Biscuits & Gravy, Pancakes, Fresh Fruit,
Juice, Milk, & Coffee

Large Plate \$10.00 - Small Plate \$6.00

“Fill the Pig” Contest

Each SHS classroom has their own ‘Pig’ to fill.
These “Pigs” will be available at the breakfast for parents,
grandparents, and friends to donate to their favorite class.

The winning class gets a popcorn party!
The “Fill the Pig” Contest will start Monday, March 25
and end at the Pig Out Breakfast on April 7.



All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School PTA.



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Holy Triduum

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Holy Triduum.
It was a special time together as a parish family. May God bless you this Easter season!



Living Stations of the Cross

Our seventh graders did a beautiful job representing the death and resurrection of our Lord. This is special tradition at Sacred Heart School. Special thanks to Mrs. Workman for working with the students to present such a spiritually moving Living Stations of the Cross.



Spring Cleaning...?

Do you have items in your house or garage that you no longer want or need?
Donate them to our Rummage Sale or Flea Market!



Rummage Sale

May 22-24

Sacred Heart
Parish Center

**Gently-used Clothing, Shoes,
Jewelry, Bedding, etc**

(No televisions, computers, printers, appliances, etc.)

Rummage Sale items can be dropped off starting April 15.



Flea Market

June 22-23
at Parish Picnic

Sacred Heart
School Gym

**Dishes, Pictures, Books, Toys, Antiques,
Furniture, Bedding, Curtains, House Decor,
Jewelry, Seasonal Items, Garden Tools, etc**

(No clothing, televisions, computers, printers, appliances, etc.)

Flea Market items can be dropped off starting May 1.

Place donations outside the maintenance building next to the school. Please mark items for 'Rummage Sale' or 'Flea Market'.



Only 76 days until the church picnic! It takes many hands to make our picnic a success. If you would like to volunteer at the parish picnic on June 22 or 23, please contact the parish office at 217-347-7177. We will help connect you with a stand! If a stand chair contacts you asking for your help with their stand, please say yes and volunteer!

We are busy collecting raffle items for the picnic and could use your help! If your family or business would like to make a donation for the Choice Raffle, the deadline is quickly approaching! Donations have to be received by April 15 to be listed on the raffle flyer. Any size of donation is greatly appreciated. Even \$20 to put in the money jar is great. Your name will be listed as a donor, unless you want to remain anonymous. Please contact Vicki Wenhe (v.wenhe@sheff.org) or Amy Westjohn (amywestjohn@gmail.com) if you would like to make a donation. All donations, whether monetary or actual items, are greatly appreciated!



Our Picnic Auction Committee has compiled a list to purchase items for our upcoming Online Auction. You can donate an item by purchasing from the Amazon wish list using this QR Code and having it shipped directly to Sacred Heart. Auction items can also be purchased from local merchants. Popular donated items for the auction include furniture, sporting equipment, special event tickets, electronics, personal services, etc. An auction committee member will pick up your item if you wish. Cash donations to purchase an item on your behalf are also appreciated. Please contact Billi Jansen at 217-347-7177 or email b.jansen@sheff.org for questions or pick up of items. The deadline to donate is April 26, to allow time to compile an auction list and take photographs of items.

Joe & Angela LaSarge are our 2024 lead picnic chairs, along with Adam & Rachel Miller and Scott & Adara Kastl who are serving as co-chairs. If you have any questions about the picnic, contact Joe/Angela at 217-246-1651 or Billi Jansen at the parish office 217-347-7177.

Sacred Heart Parish collected \$6,920 for Catholic Charities in February. Our church office often receives calls from people asking for help with utilities or travel expenses and we refer them to Catholic Charities for assistance. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this agency that provides aid to those in need. Our parish members, Bob and Tammy Lakin, serve on the board of directors for our local Catholic Charities.



Effingham Knights of Columbus Bingo
 Every Tuesday Evening Starting at 7:00 PM
 Enjoy a fun filled evening with family and friends.
 Games before, during or after Bingo are:
**Early Bird, Late Bird, Lightning Raffle, Powerball,
 Columbia and Pull-Tabs.**
 Food and desserts available for purchase.
 Must be 18 years or older to play.

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women provides food and desserts for the Effingham K of C Council #665 Bingo on the third Tuesday of the month. If you would like to provide food or volunteer to serve, contact Mary Klein at 217-821-9596 or Vicki Walker at 217-821-6179.

Miscarriage: Healing, Support, and Advocacy is found at the Family Life Center. There are advocates ready to meet & help you in your healing journey from your miscarriage. Call any of the three locations to schedule an appointment. Effingham, 217-342-5433; Newton, 618-783-5433; Shelbyville, 217-774-4874.

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Envelopes:	\$ 11,489.00
Loose Collection:	\$ <u>1,901.75</u>
Total:	\$ 13,390.75

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."
 (1Peter 4:10)*

Thank you for sharing your "Treasure" with Sacred Heart Parish

Does your child complain of leg, knee, shoulder, elbow wrist, or back pain? Do they have curvature of the spine? You are invited to a Free Children's Orthopedic Clinic on Thursday, April 11 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic in Effingham. Dr. Timothy Gray will be the physician and the event is sponsored by Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation and Effingham Elks Lodge 1016. Please call 1-800-272-0074 between 9:00am-4:00pm to register for the clinic.

We are holding a Sacred Heart Work Day at Silk Purse Thrift Store on Thursday, April 18, anytime between 9:00am-7:00pm. We could use your help! Any amount of time you can give is appreciated. Men and women are welcome! We would love to have a great turnout of Sacred Heart people there helping! If you cannot make it on the 18th, you can also volunteer any other day that works for you. They are open Monday-Saturday 9:00am-7:00pm. You will enter through the donation door in the back. Then make sure to sign in on their clipboard and note that you are with Sacred Heart Church. Thanks!

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