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Catholic Parish & School



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 10, 2025

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Mass Schedule:

Monday-Thursday 8:30am Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30am, La Misa en Español 5:00pm

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before weekday Masses Saturday: 3:00pm-3:45pm

Liturgy of the Hours:

7:45am Sunday-Friday

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

3:15pm Monday-Friday 3:00pm Saturday

Healing Rosary:

Mondays at 9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monthly on First Monday 9:00am-8:00pm Reconciliation 7:00-8:00pm On Friday, August 15, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and we will have Masses at 8:30am, 12:10pm, and 6:30pm. Please join us! The 8:30am Mass will be our first school Mass of the year.

The Assumption refers to Mary, "free from the taint of original sin," being assumed (taken up) into heaven, body and soul, at the end of her life. The Assumption represents a tremendous opportunity to draw closer to God through Mary's intercession and example. It's also a great time to recalibrate your prayer life as we head into the new school year and the coming of fall/winter. "Immaculate Mary, assumed into heaven, teach us to trust in God's plan the way you did. Do not let us fear obstacles or uncertainties. Inspire us and pray for us today, as we celebrate your Assumption. Amen."



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Campaign Frequently Asked Questions

Can we go ahead and make a pledge or donation to the campaign now? Or, do we need to wait until someone contacts us?

Donations and/or pledges can be made any time! Our official Commitment Weekend is October 4th/5th (at which time we hope to have all pledges received). However, we will be continually sharing more information about the campaign between now and then. No matter the size, every gift helps.

We will continue to share more information and campaign details in the coming weeks. If you haven't grabbed a campaign booklet from the narthex yet, please do so! It is full of details and exciting information. While you are there, check out the campaign display table. You are also

welcome to contact the parish office with questions.

So far, we have received \$193,400 in pledges! Adding this to the \$492,000 Favette Avenue state settlement brings us uр \$685,400!





The flowers by the tabernacle were donated by Jan Vansaghi in honor of the tenth anniversary of the passing of Charlie Vansaghi. If you would like to donate flowers for an upcoming weekend, please contact Vicki Walker at 217-821-6179.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Impact Life Blood Drive last weekend! There were 13 donors, saving 39 lives! Thank you so much for helping with this life-saving mission!

SACRED HEART CHURCH & SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday, August 11

- ₱ Pray the Healing Rosary in church 9:00am
- © Preschool Meet & Greet

Mrs. Kreke MWF Class: 4:30-5:15pm Mrs. Kreke TuTh Class: 5:15pm-6:00pm Mrs. Vahling M-F Class: 4:30-6:00pm

© Grade K-2 Supply Drop-Off 4:30-6:00pm

Tuesday, August 12

- ⊕ Study Group in church narthex 9:15am
- © Teacher Inservice-No School

Wednesday, August 13

- © First Day of School for K-8, 2:00pm Dismissal
- ₱ Pray the Flame of Love Rosary in church 3:30pm
- © Baseball Home vs. Cumberland 4:30pm

Thursday, August 14

- © 2:00pm Dismissal
- © Baseball at North Clay 4:30pm

Friday, August 15:

Holy Day—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- ⊕ Holy Day Masses at 8:30am, 12:10pm, 6:30pm
- © 2:00pm Dismissal

Saturday, August 16

[♣] Young Women's Group (age 20s-40s) in narthex 7:30am

Sunday, August 17

⊕ Back to School Mass (10:30am) with Potluck following in the parish center

----- SAVE THE DATE -----

August 18: First day of preschool for Mon-Fri and

Mon/Wed/Fri classes

August 19: First day of preschool for Tu/Th class

August 20: Grade 1-8 (kg is optional) Parent Meeting

at school 6:00pm

March 14, 2026: St. Pat's Bash

June 27 & 28, 2026: Sacred Heart Picnic

Prayer List: Nicole Bishop, Bill Weis, Mary Jane Behrman, Maria Dolores Kingery, Karly Brummer, Tom Palmer, Alice Wines, Kenneth Kreke, Brenda Harris, Cody Strohl, Trevor Roy, Jaclyn Rhodes, Jeannie Funneman, Marge Denton, Cis Ozenkoski, Bill Hardiek, Ron Worman.

Names will be kept on our prayer list for 1 month and then removed. If you or your loved one would like to remain on the list for another month, simply call the parish office at 217-347-7177 and we will be happy to renew your name. \blacktriangledown

Banns of Marriage

(I) Aaron Vandenbergh & Kimberly Perkins



If you know of anyone who would like to become Catholic or if you are Catholic and want to learn and enhance your faith

life, you are invited to attend our Symbolon OCIA program. OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. These classes will begin on September 7 and will meet weekly on Sundays after our 10:30am Mass. If interested, please talk with Father Michal or contact the parish office.

An Adult Hand-in-Hand Mission Trip will be October 12-17, in Auxier, KY, with approximately 15 volunteer spots on the Sacred Heart Team. Please call/text Carol Toney at 217-821-7607 if interested!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 11

8:30am: Nicole Bishop

Tuesday, August 12

8:30am: For the Living & Deceased Members of

the †August and †Marian Schultz Family

Wednesday, August 13

8:30am: †Jane Wernsing

Thursday, August 14

8:30am: †Kevin Ordner

Friday, August 15

8:30am: For our Sacred Heart Students & Staff

12:10pm: †Jerry Brickley

6:30pm: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, August 16

4:00pm: For Our Parishioners

Sunday, August 17

8:30am: †Floyd Wilson 10:30am: †Marion Palmer 5:00pm: La Misa en Español As students are returning to school in the next couple of weeks, please keep them in your prayers—especially our Sacred Heart School students and our Sacred Heart Parish PSR students. May God bless and protect them in the upcoming year. May they learn new things, gain new skills, and grow in their faith. We also pray for God's blessings upon all teachers and school staff as they each play important roles in the lives of our next generation!

You're Invited!

한 한 Back-to-School Mass & Potluck 한 한

Everyone at Sacred Heart Church and School is invited to our Back-to-School Mass and Potluck on Sunday, August 17, at 10:30am! SHS students will lead the Mass ministries and we will have a potluck in the parish center following Mass. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided; please bring a dish to share.



Signup has begun for our PSR program for the 2025/2026 school year. We will be following the same format as last year and will include "Family Nights" in the programming. This program is available to all Sacred Heart families

with children in grades 1 through 8. Please use the following links to sign-up.

Returning PSR Students sign up here:

https://forms.gle/M81itUs8TTVNJeR27

New PSR Students sign up here:

https://forms.gle/6cLsRniMv8NK9YZPA

Our SHS School Board met on July 31 with our new principal, Mrs. Habing. Our 2025-26 School Board members include Sarah Dirks, Michelle Poe, Jaclyn Jansen, Michael Dirks, and Cody Hartke.

Officers were elected as follows:

President-Sarah Dirks

Vice-President- Michelle Poe

Secretary- Jaclyn Jansen

The Board will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm, with the next meeting being held on September 3. Mrs. Habing gave an update on staffing and school resources for the upcoming year. She shared that we are still looking for a part-time band teacher. Also, SHS will continue to be served by Cody Hartke, the current Unit 40 School Resource Officer.



2025-26 Sacred Heart School Staff

Pastor: Fr. Michal Rosa

Principal: Mrs. Charlotte Habing Secretary: Mrs. Sue Harnish

Director of Operations: Mrs. Billi Jansen

Communications Coordinator: Mrs. Andrea Wright

Finance Coordinator: Mr. Mark Volk Lunch Accounting: Ms. Linda Jansen Social/Emotional Advisor: Mrs. Joye Heal

Athletic Director: Mrs. Amy West PreK & Title 1: Mrs. Debbie Vahling

PreK: Mrs. Jody Kreke

PreK & Clubhouse Aide: Mrs. Sarah Robertson

PreK Aide: Mrs. Stacey Meyer Kindergarten: Mrs. Barb Keller Grade 1: Mrs. Lisa Conner Grade 2: Mrs. Kearsten Givens

Grade 3: Ms. Kasey Tays Grade 4: Mrs. Vicki Will

Grade 5: Ms. Kelsey Partlow

Grade 6, Junior High English & Language Arts:

Mrs. Shauna Albert

Grade 7, Junior High Math: Mrs. Linda Workman Grade 8, Junior High Math: Mrs. Amy West

Grade 8, Junior High Science: Ms. Grace Vonderheide

Band: Mr. Andrew Linley

We are still looking for a band teacher to work with Mr. Linley. If you know of anyone, please send them our way!

Music: Mrs. Maria Zumbahlen, Mrs. Hillary Beard

Art & Technology: Mrs. Rita Feldhake

P.E.: Mrs. Jennifer Hecht Spanish: Mrs. Jennifer Estrada

Interventionist Aide: Ms. Olivia Hemmen

Clubhouse Director: Mrs. Lisa Opilka

Clubhouse Aides:

Sarah Robertson, Lillian Huber, Mary Fuesting, Peggy Klingler, Katie Thoele, Linda

Buehnerkemper,

Gracie Haarman, Mara Braun, Madeline Gibson, Haylee Jenkins, Chloe Kincaid, Chloe Bushue

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Sacred Heart School... Welcome New Staff Members!

Mrs. Charlotte Habing, Principal

Welcome Back Shamrocks! While, not new to Sacred Heart, I am new to the principal role. I have been the fifth grade teacher and cheerleading coach here for the past 3 years and am excited to begin this new journey as principal! Prior to teaching at SHS,I taught fourth grade at St. Michael School in Sigel for 12 years. My husband Tim, & I have been married for 28 years and live on a farm south of Watson. We have three grown children, Anna, Hailey, and Collin. Tim, Anna, and Collin are all Sacred Heart and EHS alumni. Hailey graduated from Beecher City HS (we adopted her 7 years ago). While my kids were students at Sacred Heart, I served on the School Board and coached cheer. Additionally, I have taught tumbling with Jansen's Gym for the last 21 years.



Ms. Grace Vonderheide, Eighth Grade

Hello! I'm thrilled to be joining the junior high team at Sacred Heart this year! After spending the past two years working in the Clubhouse after-school care program, I'm excited to take on this new role and contribute to the growth and development of our students. I grew up in Stewardson and continue to call it home with my family. As a first-year teacher, I know that while the students will be learning from me, I will also be learning from them. I'm excited to make this a fun and memorable year, helping students grow both in their faith and in their learning!

Mrs. Lisa Conner, First Grade

Hello Shamrocks! I grew up and currently live in Altamont. My husband, Aaron, and I have 2 children: Livia (8) and Dax (5) who both attended preschool at Sacred Heart. ♥ I graduated with my bachelor's degree from SIU Carbondale and was a substitute teacher on and off for many years. A few years ago I went back to school to officially get my teaching license. I then taught one year in a combined first and second grade classroom. Now I am here and very excited for my first year teaching at Sacred Heart!





Ms. Kelsey Partlow, Fifth Grade

Hi everyone! I'm so excited to join the Sacred Heart family this year as the new fifth grade teacher! I've spent the past five years living in Oxford, Mississippi, earning both my bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education from the University of Mississippi. I recently moved back to my hometown of Neoga and I'm absolutely thrilled to be a Shamrock! I'm looking forward to a wonderful year filled with learning, growth, and helping our students shine both academically and spiritually!

Mrs. Hillary Beard, Music

I am beyond thrilled to join the Sacred Heart family! I grew up on a small farm north of Olney. My husband, Aaron, and I live on our farm in rural Sigel with our four-year-old son, Bo. When I am not here, or helping on the farm, I am the clerk at our local township, as well as music director at Saron Church in Dundas, IL. I love to ride motorcycles, enjoy nature, camping, and history, as well as all types of music. I am honorably proud to be a wife, mama, an American and now a Shamrock! But most of all, I am proud to be Christ's daughter. I hope to get you excited about all the many ways we can learn, enjoy and worship with music. Please know, if all we do in class sometimes is talk about Jesus, I will consider it a successful day. ©





Mrs. Jennifer Estrada, Spanish

Hola, ¡soy la nueva profesora de español en el colegio Sagrado Corazón! (Hello, I am the new Spanish teacher at Sacred Heart School!) Spanish is my first language so I am very honored to be sharing it with our students! I grew up in Effingham and am excited to give back to our youth. This is my first year teaching and I am looking forward to a great year. My husband, Ivan, and I have 2 sons (ages 2 & 4) and a baby girl on the way. We are parishioners at Sacred Heart where I sing in the Spanish Mass Choir. In addition to teaching this year, I am also a cosmetologist.

Mrs. Jennifer Hecht, Physical Education

Let's Go Shamrocks! I grew up as Jennifer Miller across the creek in Teutopolis. After marrying my husband, Tim, we came to Effingham and made Sacred Heart our home. This year Tim and I will be married 20 years. We have 3 kids: Korina will be a freshman at Illinois College, William will be a junior at EHS, and Ava will be in eighth grade here at SHS. I have owned Ja-Fa Photo since 2014 and will continue to specialize in school, sports, business, and church photos. I will now also be the P.E. coach 3 afternoons a week here at school. For the last 2 years I have been the SHS track coach and have really enjoyed working with the kids and keeping them active. I'm really looking forward to this new adventure. Just call me Coach Jen... because Mrs. Hecht is my mother-in-law. ©





Ms. Linda Jansen, Lunch Bookkeeper

I am looking forward to working at Sacred Heart School. The majority of my full-time working career was in banking, where I retired 5 years ago. I am enjoying retirement, yet, I still miss people and working in an office environment. I know that this part-time position will be perfect for me. I live in Effingham and I have been a parishioner at Sacred Heart Parish for 52 years; it's a wonderful school and church with Christ-centered beliefs and a welcoming staff. I raised my family here and now my children are raising their children here.

Mrs. Lisa Opilka, Clubhouse Director

I am returning to Sacred Heart School this year as Clubhouse Director. I actually started last year as a substitute teacher, which led to an opportunity to take over as Clubhouse Director mid-year. I am excited to be back! I have a Bachelors degree in marketing from the University of Illinois. My husband, John, and I have 5 grown children and a 1-year-old beagle named Winnie. I love all the kids and look forward to an awesome school year!





Mrs. Peggy Klingler, Clubhouse Aide

I am looking forward to working with the kids at Sacred Heart Clubhouse! Previously I have worked in customer service. My husband, Gerald, and I are Sacred Heart parishioners. We live in rural Watson and have been married for 44 years. We have 5 children and 16 grandchildren.



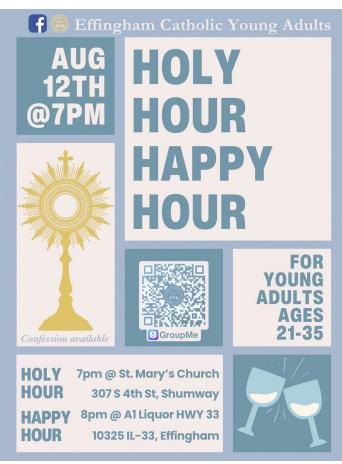
I'm excited to be working as a clubhouse aide at Sacred Heart! I live in rural Teutopolis with my husband, Tom. We have 2 grown children. I have previously worked at Scared Heart and Effingham Unit 40. I am looking forward to wonderful year.

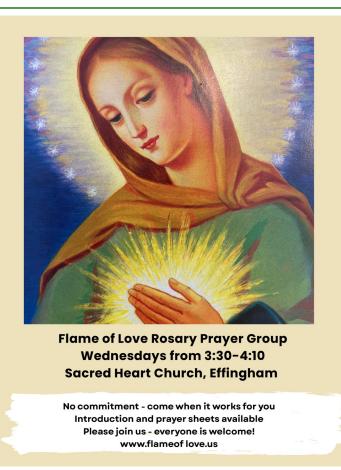




Mrs. Tracy McMahon, Custodian

My husband and I have been married and operated our business, McMahon Recycling, for 23 years. We have 3 children and 3 granddaughters. We live outside of Toledo with one son at home, cows, horses and our dog, Archie. I enjoy cleaning and listening to podcasts. I'm looking forward to keeping Sacred Heart School clean and safe.









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A Divorce Recovery Workshop will be held at the Mother of Dolors Parish Center in Vandalia. It will begin on September 8, and there will be eight sessions. There will be a different topic each week, and a speaker who will tell their story. This is open to people of all faiths, and there is no charge. Anyone who is going through a painful separation, going through a divorce, or still struggling with their past divorce is encouraged to attend for healing. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Please call Joanna Helm at 618-267-9169 to register or with any questions.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to Pray for the Protection of All Life at St Mary the Annunciation Church in Shumway on Tuesday, August 19. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00pm. Fr. Adam Prichard will be the celebrant for the 6:30pm Mass. The business meeting will follow in the lower level. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

Bible Study at St. Anthony Church will resume on Thursday, September 4 with the study of Salvation History through the Bible Timeline. This study is led by Jeff Cavins, who will teach you how to read and understand the Bible. It will lead you through the wonderful narrative of Scripture. Sessions will be offered at 9:15am or 6:30pm in the St. Anthony parish center. Please call the parish office to register by August 25 so books can be ordered: 217-347-7129.

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Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Envelopes: \$ 11,696.00 Loose Collection \$ 932.00 Total: \$ 12,628.00

"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

Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL will be hosting a retreat on the evening of September 5 and all day on September 6. Join us for this upcoming retreat titled "The Power and Protection of the Seven Swords of St Michael". Fr. Giacomo Capoverdi will be our retreat leader for this event. Come and learn how virtues empower you to reach holiness and give protection for yourself and your family. Please go to osmm.org to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. The cost is \$45 to attend. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.



The Effingham Knights of Columbus Council #665 will be hosting it's yearly Labor Mass on Monday, September 1, at St. Anthony Church. Mass will be at 9:00am and will be celebrated by our

councils' chaplain Fr. James Flach and reception and fellowship to follow in the Parish Center, all are invited to attend. A collection will be collected for El Shaddai here in Effingham.





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