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SACRED HEART
Catholic Parish & School



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 17, 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

You're Invited: Back-to-School Mass & Potluck

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

PSR Parish School of Religion

Signup is underway for our PSR program for the 2025/2026 school year. Our first class will be **Wednesday, August 27, at 6:30pm**. 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>



Important Request for all Parishioners:

Who do you know that is not baptized that you can invite to become Catholic—or, who is already baptized and might want to join the Catholic Church?

The work of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and bringing people into the church Jesus founded belongs to all of us—not just the priests, deacons, or OCIA ministry. These might be people who:

- Are your family members, friends, neighbors, or co-workers
- Are married or engaged to a Catholic and want to join the church
- Have never been baptized, or were baptized in another Christian faith tradition
- Want to more deeply experience the love of God the Father, know Jesus in a more meaningful way, seek the Holy Spirit's guidance, and have a sense of belonging in the vibrant faith community at Sacred Heart.

Please pray for God to help you know how those people are in your life, and then simply ASK them to consider joining you in our parish community through the OCIA process (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). Our Symbolon OCIA 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.

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

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

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. ♥



Join us for our **Young Hearts Potluck on Tuesday, August 19, at 12:00pm in the parish center.** Meat will be provided; please bring a side dish to share. Even if you have never been to our potluck before, we welcome you to come and join the fun!

SACRED HEART CHURCH & SCHOOL CALENDAR

✝ Parish Event ☺ School Event

Sunday, August 17

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

Monday, August 18

☺ First day of preschool for Monday-Friday and Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes
✝ Pray the Healing Rosary in church 9:00am
☺ Baseball at Altamont Lutheran 4:30pm
✝ Building & Grounds meeting in church office 6:00pm
✝ Millions of Monicas Prayer Group in church 6:00pm

Tuesday, August 19

☺ First day of preschool for Tuesday/Thursday class
✝ Study Group in church narthex 9:15am
✝ Young Hearts Potluck in parish center 12:00pm
☺ Baseball at Neoga 4:30pm
✝ Parish Council meeting in church narthex 6:30pm

Wednesday, August 20

✝ Group visit to Willowbrook Memory Care 1:00pm
✝ Pray the Flame of Love Rosary in church 3:30pm
☺ Required grade 1-8 (kg is optional) parent meeting at school 6:00pm

Thursday, August 21

✝ Resurrection Choir Practice in church 9:15am

Friday, August 22

☺ Baseball Home vs. Stew-Stras 4:30pm

Saturday, August 23

✝ Seven Sisters Prayer & Social in narthex 8:30am

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

August 27: First PSR Class Night

March 14, 2026: St. Pat's Bash

Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish

Whether you're a long term attendee or newly arrived to Sacred Heart Parish, we extend a warm welcome to you. We thank God that you are here with us. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and drop it off at the parish office, in the collection box, or the mail slot on the east side office doors.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

☐ Request registration information

I am interested in learning more about:

☐ Catholic Faith ☐ Bible Study ☐ Baptism

☐ Marriage ☐ Other Needs _____

If you prefer, send via email to shchurch@sheff.org.

Banns of Marriage

(II) Aaron Vandenberg & Kimberly Perkins

The flowers by the tabernacle were donated by Jim and Caroline Hakman in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary. If you would like to donate flowers for an upcoming weekend, please contact Vicki Walker at 217-821-6179.

Our men's group will resume on Thursday, August 21, at 7:00pm in the narthex. All men are invited! Grow in your faith alongside other men. The group will discuss weekly scriptural readings, pray the Rosary, and watch inspirational videos. Any questions, contact Tom Purcell at 217-821-7077.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 18

8:30am: Nicole Bishop, †Jane Wernsing

Tuesday, August 19

8:30am: †Bob Cohorst

Wednesday, August 20

8:30am: †Elizabeth & †Steve Dudra
and †George Pastor

Thursday, August 21

8:30am: †Harry Schmidt

Saturday, August 23

4:00pm: †Nolen Sheehan

Sunday, August 24

8:30am: In Memory of †Ralph & †Anna Mae Pike

10:30am: For Our Parishioners

5:00pm: La Misa en Español

The women of Sacred Heart Parish have a community on Facebook to support, empower, and share with one another in regards to their Catholic faith. You are invited to join the group! Simply search for: [Sacred Heart Parish Women's Ministry](#). Then, click on "Join". The group currently has 75 members and continues to grow.

You can also follow our parish and school Facebook pages!

[@Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Effingham, IL](#)

[@Sacred Heart Catholic School, Effingham, IL](#)



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Sacred Heart Catholic Parish & School

Campaign Frequently Asked Questions

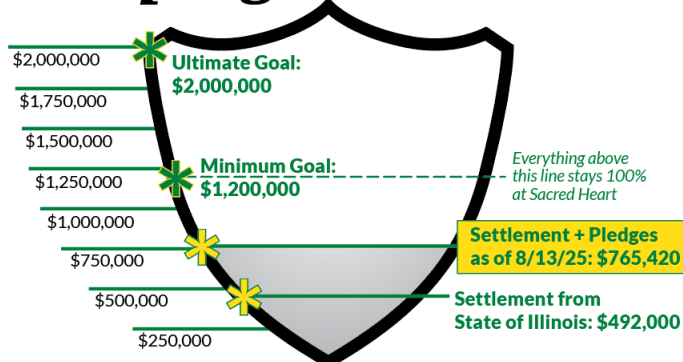
Regarding the Raney Street entrance, why aren't the incoming and outgoing lanes the same width?

The Raney Street entrance width and boulevard placement were specifically designed to deter semi traffic from entering there. Having a narrow incoming lane will prevent semis from pulling in and negates the need for the unsightly yellow clearance bar formerly needed at this entrance. It will also help keep traffic moving slowly upon entering that area, providing a safer entrance for the church and school. Having the wider outgoing lane will allow two lanes of traffic to exit at a time which will improve efficiency.

Donations continue to come in. So far, we have received \$273,420 in pledges! Adding this to the \$492,000 Fayette Avenue state settlement brings us up to \$765,420!

Pledges and donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated at any time! Simply fill out a pledge card (available in the pews, in the narthex, and in the church office) and drop it in the collection basket. No matter the size, every gift helps.

Campaign Status



It is time to swing back into the CCW meeting schedule for this fall! Our first meeting will be **Tuesday, September 2, at 6:30pm in the parish center**. All ladies of the parish are considered members of the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) - there is no need to sign up, simply join us at our next meeting! Our September event will include our business meeting, refreshments, and line dancing. Come join the fun!

This past year our crowning achievement was purchasing new chairs for the parish center, a few for the narthex, and 6 padded arm chairs for the church choir area. We also held our first Book & Bake Sale fundraiser, which was a big success. We might do this sale again so start saving your books! We hope to see you at the meeting on September 2!



**MILLIONS
OF
MONICAS**

Millions of mothers have watched their children abandon their Catholic faith

in a chaotic, stressful, and struggling world. Join with other Catholic women to pray for our children's return to the practice of their Catholic Faith. [Millions of Monicas](#) meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. The next meeting is Monday, August 18. All mothers are invited.



Flame of Love Rosary Prayer Group
Wednesdays from 3:30-4:10
Sacred Heart Church, Effingham

No commitment - come when it works for you
Introduction and prayer sheets available
Please join us - everyone is welcome!
www.flameoflove.us



Sacred Heart School... Welcome Back!

Back-to-School Party & Parent Mingle

We had a great turnout and so much fun at the PTA Back-to-School Party & Parent Mingle! Students and parents gathered at Lake Sara Beach to enjoy the playground, obstacle course, and beach. It was great to reconnect in preparation for a fun year ahead!



Shamrock Baseball

Hey Baseball Fans! Come cheer on the Shamrocks at their next home game - Friday, August 22, against Stew-Stras. Game time is 4:30pm at our SHS Baseball Field.

Several SHS Baseball Alumni visited last week and spoke to the team about teamwork and leadership.

Thanks to Josh McDevitt (SHS Grad 2019), Jude Traub (SHS Grad 2022) and Owen Schuette (SHS Grad 2023) for coming to visit and helping inspire our players!



Wednesday, August 20
SHS Gym - 6:00 pm

We will be holding a
Drawing for \$100 cash,
but you must be present to win!

- This is a meeting you should not miss - even if you have had students at Sacred Heart for multiple years.
- We have several new teachers, some new announcements about curriculum, events, and exciting new opportunities that we will be sharing with you.
- Our teachers will be showing off your child's classroom and sharing information about expectations and classroom routines.

This meeting is required for parents of students in grades 1-8.
Kindergarten parents are welcome (but not required) to attend!



Left: Mrs. Sue Harnish, Secretary
Right: Mrs. Charlotte Habing, Principal

Happy "New School Year" Shamrocks!

I am excited to welcome you back! I look forward to a year of learning, loving, laughing, and living life with all of you. This Sacred Heart School family is such a wonderful community and I feel blessed and honored to spend the year with you and your children! Go Shamrocks!

Mrs. Habing

Principal, Sacred Heart School



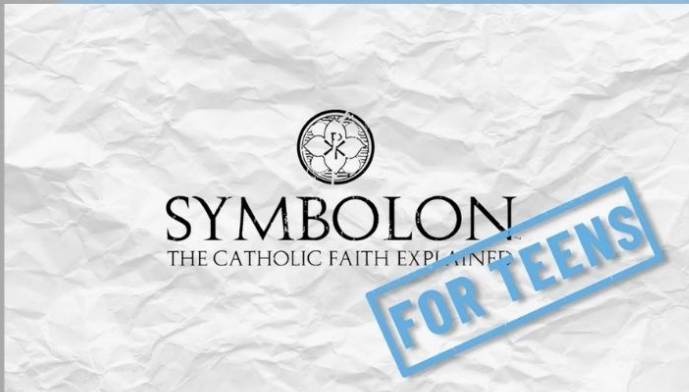
First Day of School



E.T.C.

Effingham Teen Catholics

Open to all teens in
9th through 12th grades

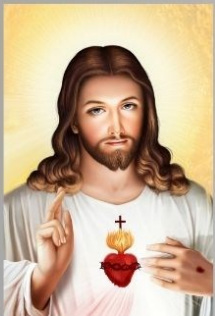


Meeting on Wednesdays
(beginning Sept, 10, 2025)

7:00pm in the lower level
of Sacred Heart Church
(enter through parish office)

Join us for an evening of fellowship,
lesson via the "SYMBOLON FOR TEENS" program,
games, and PIZZA.

Program led by Jonathon & Liz Rodgers



Sacred Heart of Jesus,
pray for us.



SACRED HEART
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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.

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Envelopes:	\$ 9,445.11
Loose Collection	\$ 1,343.00
Total:	\$ 10,788.11

*"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***

Thank you for all the generous donations for the missions in Tabora-Tanzania in East Africa. We collected \$3,786 the weekend Fr. Andrew Mlele was here at Sacred Heart.

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.


Come hear Catholic comedian and radio host, Josh Harris, LIVE at the T-Town KC Hall on Thursday, September 25. Doors open at 6:00pm with a \$10 entry fee. The opening act is oldies band, Solid Gold, performing from 6:00-7:45pm. Josh Harris will perform from 8:00-9:15pm. Event sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

Mattoon Knights of Columbus
Shrimp Boil for Catholic Charities
Serving a delicious shrimp boil with corn, potatoes, shrimp, sausage, and other seafood
5:00 to 6:30 on Saturday
August 23, 2025
Only \$10.00 per plate
Live Music by Jim McBride from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
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Lawn chairs not required, but suggested.
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