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SACRED HEART
Catholic Parish & School



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 23, 2026

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Mass Schedule:

Tuesday-Friday 8:30am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30am,

La Misa en Español 5:00pm el domingo

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

Pray the Rosary:

Flame of Love: Wednesdays at 3:30pm

Healing: Fridays at 9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monthly on First Friday

9:00am-8:00pm

Reconciliation 7:00-8:00pm



Pizza Party next Saturday!

You're invited to our 'Get To Know You' Pizza Party with Fr. Jarek! Please join us on Saturday evening, August 29th, in the parish center at 5:00pm to hear Fr. Jarek share about his life, his family, and more!

*Train the young in the way they should go;
Even when old, they will not swerve from it.*
Proverbs 22:6

PSR starts this week!

Have you registered your child?

Last call for PSR registrations - classes start this Wednesday! Our PSR (Public School Religion) program is open to members of Sacred Heart Church in grades 1 through 8. The program meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart School. ****NEW THIS YEAR**** - On the first day of class, August 26, parents are also required to attend. The children will be with their classes and we will have a Parent Orientation in the parish center for the parents.

The online registration link was emailed to all previous PSR families, and is included with this weekend's bulletin email. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.



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. The

Symbolon curriculum brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith. These classes will begin in September and will meet weekly until Easter. If interested, please talk with Father Jarek or contact the parish office.



The flowers by the tabernacle were donated by Gene and Nina Jackson in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. If you would like to donate flowers for an upcoming weekend, contact Vicki Walker at 217-821-6179.

Happy 50th Anniversary to Gene & Nina Jackson! May God continue to bless their marriage and their family!

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will meet on Tuesday, September 1, at 6:00pm in the parish center. Refreshments will be served, Father Jarek will share a few words, and a short meeting will follow. New Officers for 2026-27 are: President-Penny Wiedman, Vice-President-Amy Westjohn, Secretary-Paula Tegeler, and Treasurer-Nina Jackson. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend and get involved or just be informed of the support CCW provides to the parish. Please bring your Box of Joy to the meeting, or return it to church by September 27th.



Join our Parish Choir! Come be a part of this joyful ministry as we praise God through music and song. No experience necessary - just a willing heart and a love for music. Our next practice is Wednesday, August 26, at 5:30pm in the church. Questions? Contact Joan at j.frey@sheff.org.

SACRED HEART CHURCH & SCHOOL CALENDAR

✠ Parish Event ☺ School Event

Monday, August 24

☺ Baseball at Brownstown-St. Elmo 4:30pm

Tuesday, August 25

✠ Study Group in Narthex 9:15am

Wednesday, August 26

✠ Pray the Flame of Love Rosary in church 3:30pm

✠ Parish Choir Practice 5:30pm

☺ PTA Meeting in parish center 5:30

Thursday, August 27

✠ Men's Prayer Group in narthex 7:00pm

Friday, August 28

✠ Pray the Healing Rosary in church 9:00am

☺ Softball Home vs. Dieterich 4:30pm

Saturday, August 29

✠ Get to Know Fr. Jarek Pizza Party in parish center 5:00pm

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

September 1: CCW Meeting in parish center 6:00pm

September 27: Return filled Boxes of Joy

Prayer List: Nicole Bishop, Bill Weis, Maria Dolores Ruholl, Tom Palmer, Brenda Harris, Trevor Roy, Stan & Cis Ozenkoski, Mary Jane Behrman, Jackson Gaitros, Jim Hakman, Anita McKerrow, Theresa Zumbahlen, Bob Overbeck, Carolyn A. Ordner, Richard Bence, Bev Marshall, Linda Workman, Vicki Weis, Becky Priess

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. ♥

..... *Rest in Peace*

Our sympathy to the family and friends of

†Dolores A. Will

†Fr. Robert "Bob" Spriggs

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let your perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithfully
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Will you lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Fridays at 3:15pm or Saturdays at 3:00pm? The Chaplet is prayed using Rosary beads and only takes 5-10 minutes. We are happy to train you how to do it.

Can you help provide transportation for parishioners who are unable to drive to Mass? We have several parishioners who want to come to Mass but are not able to drive themselves. Can you help?

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in more information about either of these ministries!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, August 25

8:30am: †Kenneth Kreke, †Audry Gress

Wednesday, August 26

8:30am: †Patricia Fuesting

Thursday, August 27

8:30am: †Sheila Fitzgerald

Friday, August 28

8:30am: †Wilbert McDevitt

Saturday, August 29

4:00pm: †Karlene Frese

Sunday, August 30

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

10:30am: For Our Parishioners

5:00pm: La Misa en Español

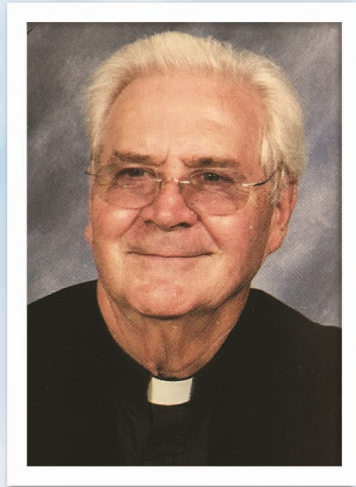
Memorial Mass for Fr. Robert Spriggs

Saturday, August 29

9:30am

Sacred Heart Church

405 S. Henrietta Street, Effingham



All are welcome to participate.

Light refreshments and coffee will be served in the narthex following Mass.

Fr. Spriggs passed away on August 16, 2026.

He faithfully served our community for many years - serving at St. Anthony of Padua from 1972-1976 and at Sacred Heart Parish from 1987-1990 and again from 2006-2011. We are grateful for his service, leadership, friendship, and spiritual guidance throughout the years.



*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!*

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Our Stewardship of Treasure

Date	Weekend Collection	Budgeted Amount	Difference
July 26	\$10,211.00	\$13,500.00	(\$3,289.00)
Aug 2	\$15,056.60	\$13,500.00	\$1,556.60
Aug 9	\$9,949.00	\$13,500.00	(\$3,551.00)
Aug 16	\$17,425.00	\$13,500.00	\$3,925.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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

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Effingham Catholic Young Adults

Sept 8th @7pm

HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR

for young adults 21-35

September 8
Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Confession available

7pm @ Sacred Heart
405 S. Henrietta St., Effingham

8pm @ Upper Deck
201 S. 4th St Effingham

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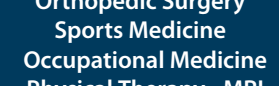
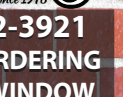
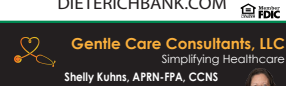
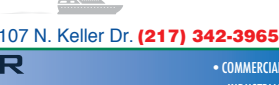
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