

Welcome!



SACRED HEART
Catholic Parish & School



First Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2024

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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 7:00pm

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 Daily

Healing Rosary:

Mondays at 9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monthly on First Monday

9:00am-8:00pm

Reconciliation 7:00-8:00pm

We are excited to begin the season of Advent this Sunday! Advent is a beautiful time of year... a time of hope, anticipation, and joy as we await the birth of our Savior! It is a season of preparation. The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word meaning "coming". It is during these four weeks that we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. The Advent season reminds us about the importance of Christ in our lives, prepares us to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas, and refers to His second coming at a future time.

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Amen.

Our Advent wreath is beautifully displayed in front of the altar. The wreath and candles help us visualize the progression of this special season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. The four candles represent the four Sundays of Advent, and they respectively symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love.

We invite you to join us as we prepare for Jesus' birth during this very special and holy time of year. Please check pages 4-5 of this weekend's bulletin for a list of events and spiritual growth opportunities for Advent and Christmas. Let us remember the reason for the season and keep Jesus at the forefront of our minds and activities.

You're Invited! Ladies of the parish: you are invited to our **CCW Christmas party this Tuesday evening! Check page 5 of this bulletin for complete details. We hope to see you there!**

Pilgrimage to Spain – Portugal – France

There are still a few spots available with Fr. Michal's pilgrimage to Spain, Portugal, and France. It will be a spiritual journey sure to inspire you and strengthen your connection with God. The trip is scheduled for May 18-30, 2025. Contact the parish office for more information!



This weekend we advance to the next liturgical year—which is Year ‘C’ in the Saint Augustine Hymnals. As always, you can look at the song board to find the page for that day’s Mass. The letter (A, B, or C) will denote which liturgical year we are in. The following number will denote the page number for the readings for that day’s Mass. (In the example shown here, the liturgical year is ‘C’ and the readings can be found on page 1,078.)

The remaining rows of numbers will denote song numbers—as they have in the past.



The 2025 Sacred Heart Church calendars, courtesy of Roy Schmidt Honda and Jansen’s Heating & Air, are available in the church narthex. Each family is invited to take one home!



Our December altar server meeting will be Wednesday, December 4, at 5:33pm in the church. We ask for all servers to attend.

SACRED HEART CHURCH & SCHOOL CALENDAR

✠ Parish Event ☺ School Event

Monday, December 2

- ✠ Rorate (candlelight) Mass 6:30am;
- ✠ Eucharistic Adoration in church 7:00am-8:00pm;
- ✠ Pray the Healing Rosary in the church 9:00am;
- ✠ Reconciliation 7:00-8:00pm

Tuesday, December 3

- ✠ Study Group in church narthex 9:15am;
- ✠ Liturgy Committee meeting in narthex 5:00pm;
- ☺ Boys’ BB at Sigel St. Michael 6:00pm;
- ✠ CCW Christmas Party in parish center 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 4

- ✠ Server meeting in church 5:33pm;
- ✠ PSR Reconciliation & Family Night 6:30pm

Thursday, December 5

- ☺ Boys’ BB at Stew-Stras 6:00pm;
- ✠ Men’s Prayer Group in church narthex 7:00pm

Friday, December 6-Thursday, December 12

- ☺ Boys’ BB 7th Grade NTC Tournament;

Saturday, December 7

- ✠ Rosary Making Class in narthex 9:00am

Prayer List: Britney (Walters) Chester, Carolyn Ordner, Tom Hewing, Bill Foreman, David Dow, Avery Gardewine Braunecker, Bill Frese, Linda Frese, Sister Pat Thies, Lucinda Herboth, Cindy Rogger, Bill Weis, Mary Jane Behrman, Rick Manson, Sara Bernhard, Pat Stockman, Marilyn Langhorst, Bernard Will, Mary Jo Pemberton, Maria Dolores Kingery, Dennis Willenborg, Rob Grupe, Vicki Will, John Miller, Richard J. Feldhake, Cassie Worman, Charlie McWhorter, Sister Ann Fearday

Sister Ann Fearday sent a letter to our parish with a few updates. She resides at the retirement facility located in Belleville at the Our Lady of Snows Shrine. She recently received news that her cancer has metastasized and she asks for our prayers.



Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Food Drive. All of the items were delivered to the Catholic Charities Food Bank.

Help Spread the Faith: Learn to Make Rosaries for the Missions. This is an excellent way to spread devotion to Jesus and His Blessed Mother throughout the world. Our next rosary making day will be on Saturday, December 7, from 9:00-10:30am in the church narthex. Everyone is welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 2

6:30am: †Millie & †Stu Stumeier,
The Ben H. Pike Family, Cassie Worman

Tuesday, December 3

8:30am: †Dave Worman

Wednesday, December 4

8:30am: †Robert Waitkus

Thursday, December 5

8:30am: †Christine Haarmann

Saturday, December 7

4:00pm: †Dorothy Dirks

Sunday, December 8

8:30am: For Our Parishioners
10:30am: †Louise Rose Nuxoll
7:00pm: La Misa en Español

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

We had a great time this week at our Ministry Mixer. Thank you to everyone for spending the evening with us and for volunteering to serve in so many ministries here at Sacred Heart Parish!



Keeping in touch with priests this Christmas:

Fr. Brian Alford,
c/o Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception,
524 E. Lawrence, Springfield, IL 62703

Fr. Dan Bergbower,
c/o St. Agnes Parish,
245 N. Amos Ave, Springfield, IL 62702

Fr. Michael Berndt,
c/o St. Charles Borromeo Parish,
921 Madison Ave., Charleston, IL 61920

Fr. Juan Carlos O.F.M.,
c/o St. Francis of Assisi Parish,
203 E. Main St., P.O. Box 730, Teutopolis, IL 62467

Fr. Zachary Edgar,
c/o Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
P.O. Box 1237, La Crosse, WI 54602

Fr. James Flach,
215 N. Second St., Effingham, IL 62401

Fr. Jeff Goeckner,
c/o St. Boniface Parish,
110 N. Buchanan St., Edwardsville, IL 62025

Fr. Paul Habing,
c/o St. Alexis Parish,
215 W. 5th Street, Beardstown, IL 62618

Msgr. David Hoefler,
c/o Catholic Pastoral Center,
1615 West Washington St., Springfield, IL 62702

Fr. Zachraiah Patibandla,
c/o Our Saviour Parish,
453 E. State St., Jacksonville, IL 62650

Fr. Adam Prichard,
20057 N. 1525th Road, Effingham, IL 62401

Fr. Dean Probst,
602 N. Fourth Street, Effingham, IL 62401

Fr. Rafal Pyrchla,
c/o Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Parish,
400 N Whitetail Circle, Mt. Zion, IL 62549

Fr. Dominic Rankin,
c/o Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception,
524 E. Lawrence, Springfield, IL 62703

Fr. Zachary Samples,
c/o St. Agnes Parish,
245 N. Amos Ave, Springfield, IL 62702

Fr. Martin Smith,
c/o St. Francis Xavier Parish,
506 S. State St., Jerseyville, IL 62052



**“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.”
-Pope Francis**

Special Advent Spiritual Growth Opportunities:

Join us on Mondays during Advent. On December 2, 16, & 23 we will be hosting the following:

- ⇒ 6:30am Rorate (candlelight) Mass
(no 8:30am Mass these days)
- ⇒ Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00am - 8:00pm
- ⇒ Confession from 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Please note: Any time you pray at Eucharistic Adoration, you can receive a partial indulgence. A plenary indulgence is granted when you visit the most Blessed Sacrament during Adoration for at least 30 minutes. (All other qualifications for plenary indulgence still apply: go to Confession, receive Communion the same day, say prayers, and be free of venial sin. If you are interested in more information, please talk to Fr. Michal or contact the parish office.)

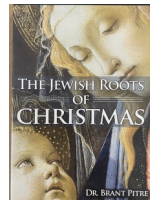
Due to it being the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, December 9 has a different schedule than the other Mondays in Advent. This is the holy day of obligation celebrating that the Virgin Mary was free of original sin from the moment of her conception. Masses will be held on Monday, December 9 at 8:30am, 12:10pm, and 6:30pm. Please join us!

Our PSR classes will have Reconciliation and Family Night on Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30pm in the church.

Our SHS kindergarten students will be sharing a living Advent wreath with our school family. Each week we will gather to ‘light the candle’ on the special wreath. Students will stand in a circle to form the wreath, while others will stand in the center to represent the candles. This is a special way for them to bring the Advent season to life.

Hallow has many great resources for spiritual growth during Advent and throughout the year. Check out their website at hallow.com/pray for more details.

There is also a lot of helpful information and Advent resources on FORMED. FORMED is an online library with Catholic movies and programs—somewhat of a “Catholic Netflix”. Learn and enjoy your faith at home and on the go, from any device. Sign up for free at formed.org/signup.



During Advent, our Tuesday morning study group will be watching a video series entitled “The Jewish Roots of Christmas”. In this Bible study, Dr. Brant Pitre goes back to the Bible and ancient tradition to shed light on the little-known Jewish roots of Christmas. The presentations will cover questions such as why Jesus was laid in a manger and what it reveals about his identity, who the Magi were and how they knew to follow the star, the real reason Jesus’ birth is celebrated on December 25th, and much more! The Tuesday morning group will meet December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. They will not meet December 24th or 31st.



During Advent, our men’s group will be studying “Rejoice: An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture” by Fr. Mark Toups and published by Ascension Press. They will watch a video each week and attendees will receive a companion book. The book and website have many great resources for your entire family to enjoy this Advent season. If you would like to attend the class, there is an introductory video available online at rejoiceprogram.com. The men’s group will meet December 5th, 12th, and 19th. They will not meet December 26th.

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, each class will participate in an Advent project to collect items or money for those in need.

- **PreK: Ballard Nature Center**
- Accepting donations of fish food, birdseed, craft items, etc.
- **Gr. K-2: Catholic Charities Babies**
- Collecting baby items to place on a special “Baby Jesus Christmas Tree” in the school lobby. All donations will be given to Catholic Charities.
- **Gr. 3: Humane Society**
- Accepting donations of dog food, cat food, etc.
- **Gr. 4-5: Family Life Center**
- Accepting donations of baby items
- **Gr. 6-8: El Shaddai**
- Collecting money for El Shaddai, the new home in Effingham for mothers and their newborns

Christmas



For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
- Isaiah 9:5



Envelopes for Christmas flowers & decorations are in the December packets. Please note on the back of the envelope if the donation is made in memory or in honor of a loved one. A special memorial page will be included in the bulletin. Please return envelopes by Friday, December 13.

Christmas Programs

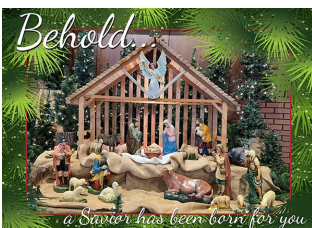
Sacred Heart School invites you to "The Present is the Future"! This K-8 Christmas Program and Band Concert is Wednesday, December 11 at 6:15pm in the gym. Dress rehearsal is Tuesday, December 10 at 1:00pm. Parents, grandparents, and friends are welcome at both performances!

The Sacred Heart School 4-year-old Preschool Christmas Program will be held on Friday, December 20 at 10:30am in the school gym. Parents and grandparents are welcome!

Christmas Caroling

Our Sacred Heart youth will be Christmas caroling and spreading Christmas cheer to some of our parishioners in local nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and homebound. Our SHS junior high students will visit some on the morning of Wednesday, December 18. Our PSR students will go that same evening to visit others.

Our parish Christmas cards are in the mail!



You should be receiving it any day. Advent and Christmas Mass times are included in the card for your convenience.

On the Memorial of St. Nicholas on December 6, our Advent Angels will deliver holiday gift bags to the homebound and those living in nursing and assisted living homes. Thank you to everyone who donated items!

We invite you to join us Mass this Christmas! Christmas:

Tuesday, December 24: 4:00pm & 9:30pm
Wednesday, December 25: 12:00am & 9:30am

New Year, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

Wednesday, January 1: 8:30am, 12:10pm, & 6:30pm



SCRIP cards are great for the holidays! Use them to:

- ⇒ purchase gifts for others,
- ⇒ purchase groceries for your holiday parties,
- ⇒ OR, give as gifts!

SCRIP cards can be purchased after Masses on the first and third weekends of the month, in the church office, or online at www.raiseright.com/shop.

School families can earn tuition credit, simply by using SCRIP cards! SCRIP cards are gift cards that generate a rebate back to Sacred Heart School. That rebate can be split 50/50 with school families and used toward K-8 tuition! For details, email shscrip@sheff.org, or call the office at 217-347-7177.

Ladies of Sacred Heart,
YOU ARE INVITED
To the Council of Catholic Women's
Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:00pm in the
Parish Center; a catered meal will be provided.

Please bring an item for the Silent Auction
(baked goods, bread, candle, wine, craft item,
Christmas item, etc). All proceeds will go to a
Sacred Heart family in need, to make to
make their Christmas a little brighter.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

The SHS fifth and sixth grade classes are raising money for their trip to Space Camp in the spring of 2027.

- **Count Down to Christmas Calendar Raffle** – Purchase a calendar for \$25 for your chance to win up to 25 times as we count down to Christmas. Drawing will be held daily beginning on December 1 and ending on Christmas morning! See below for details!
- **Pecans** – Students are busy harvesting pecans from the trees located on Sacred Heart property. The pecans will be sold at the back of church on the honor system.

Students will be selling items in the narthex following weekend Masses from now until December 22.



Count Down to Christmas 25 DAYS OF PRIZES

1 Two Tickets to a show at The Little Theatre on the Square	2 \$100 CASH Vahling Property Development & Lakeside Services	3 Modern Family Dinner \$100 Gift Card	4 Sacred Heart Picnic Pack w/ Food, Drinks & Games	5 Four Tickets to a family show at The EPC	DECEMBER 2024
6 \$100 CASH Fujiyama	7 Weber's Jewelry Diamond Earrings	8 Nativity Set & 4 Easter Brunches at the Keller Convention Center	9 Southtown Carwash 3-month wash subscription & Dan Hecht \$50 Gift Card	10 Cayla's Birthday Party & Subway 3' Party Sub	
11 Fairfield Inn Romance Package & Firefly Grill \$50 Gift Card	12 Dinner Out! \$100 Puerta Vallarta Gift Card & \$50 Homewood Grill Gift Card	13 WHITE ELEPHANT	14 Fujiyama \$100 Gift Card	15 \$50 CASH Ja-Fa Photo (Jennifer's Birthday)	
16 A1 Lquors \$100 Gift Card plus Tuscan Hills "Naughty" & "Nice" wines	17 \$100 CASH Effingham Massage Clinic	18 The Beanstalk Boutique \$100 Gift Card	19 Boots & Soles \$100 Gift Card plus Accuracy Firearms 5hr Range Card	20 FS Fast Stop \$100 Gift Card	
21 Fujiyama \$100 Gift Card	22 Two Outdoor Chairs - Niebrugge Lumber plus Solo Stove, & Top Shelf \$50 Gift Card	23 Boho Chic Clinique \$250 Gift Card	24 \$500 CASH	25 \$500 CASH	

\$25/Raffle Ticket with 25 Chances to Win

A winner will be drawn each morning at Sacred Heart School. Daily winners will be re-entered into the raffle. Purchasers can win up to 25 times with one single ticket.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT SACRED HEART'S SPACE CAMP PROGRAM.

Please fill out and return the bottom section with payment.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Student who sold ticket: _____

Entries will be accepted until December 21, but enter early for more chances to win.

Make checks payable to: Sacred Heart Space Camp



The Effingham Knights of Columbus will once again conduct a “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest. Youth Director Greg Koester will be distributing rules and entry forms to Sacred Heart and St. Anthony schools. If your child wants to do a poster, give Greg a call at (217) 821-7731 to get the entry forms.

The K of C Kids Christmas Party is Sunday, December 1. Doors open at 3:00pm with Santa arriving shortly thereafter. Christmas cards will be available for kids and parents to draw a picture and/or write a note to friends and family in area nursing homes. Cookies, hotdogs and nachos will be served.

The K of C Adult Christmas Party (no children under 18 please) is Sunday, December 15, with doors opening at noon and lunch at 1:00p.m. To spread a little Christmas Spirit, guests are asked to bring a wrapped gift for our friends and loved ones in nursing homes. Gift ideas include socks, small blankets, coloring books, wordsearch books, puzzles and other clothing or activity items. Please wrap the gift with a note on the outside what it is. The Knights of Columbus is also asking for some volunteers to visit the nursing homes and help deliver the gifts on Monday.

Please invite or bring a prospective Knight and his lady to the Adult Christmas Party, or him and his family to the Kids Christmas Party. It gives them the opportunity to meet other members and their families, and discover some of the charitable things the Knights of Columbus does for the church, local parishes, and the community.

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Envelopes:	\$ 8,889.76
<u>Loose Collection</u>	\$ 873.70
Total:	\$ 9,763.46

“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***

Next weekend, all parishes in the diocese will collect for the Retirement Fund for Religious. The campaign is crucial, benefitting more than 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have been faithful servants within the Church, devoting their lives to service. Your contribution to the Retirement Fund for Religious plays a vital role in providing necessary financial support. This support enables religious communities to care for their aging members while ensuring that the younger generation can carry forward the work of their elders.

Please consider giving to this Fund. There will not be a special envelope included in your December packet so please notate or mark the donation with “Retirement Fund”. Thank you for your support.

The St. Hildegard Von Bingen Schola will present their annual Holiday concert at Sacred Heart Church in Effingham on Sunday, December 1 at 2:30pm. The concert begins with a classical piano prelude followed by sacred music of the season at 3:00pm. The concert is free and open to the public.

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