



# Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021



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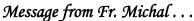
## Sacred Heart School

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Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles (three purple and one rose) are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices during Advent. The rose candle is lit on the third



Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, a day of rejoicing because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent and Christmas is close.



I am excited to announce that Mrs. Cecilia Mobley will be joining the Sacred Heart staff as Music Coordinator effective January 1, 2022. She will be working with Mrs. Kim Deters over the next few weeks to transition into the position. Kim will be truly missed and we appreciate her

guidance and mentorship as Cecilia transitions to this new role.

Adoration & Reconciliation on Monday, Dec. 13, at 7:00pm, at Sacred Heart Church, (with Fr. Michael Berndt) and Monday, Dec. 20, at 7:00pm, (with Fr. Michael Rosa). I am also available for Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to weekday Masses, from 3:00pm until 3:50pm on Saturdays, or by appointment.





**"Kolęda"** - It is the Catholic tradition of pastoral visits to parishioners' homes, taking place after Christmas. During a visit, a priest prays with the family, blesses the house, and talks to the family.

Code of Canon Law is saying:

Can. 529 §1. In order to fulfill his office diligently, a pastor is to strive to know the faithful entrusted to his care. Therefore, he is to visit families, sharing especially in the cares, anxieties, and griefs of the faithful, strengthening them in the Lord, and prudently correcting them if they are failing in certain areas. With generous love he is to help the sick, particularly those close to death, by refreshing them solicitously with the sacraments and commending their souls to God; with particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties. He is to work so that spouses and parents are supported in fulfilling their proper duties and is to foster growth of Christian life in the family.

I want to visit all of you every year, if you allow me. So, please call our parish office or talk to me after Mass and schedule a date for a "Kolęda".

God bless Fr. Michal

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

## **Parish News**

## Special Mass Schedule

## **Christmas**

Friday, December 24 4:00pm

#### Saturday. December 25

12:00am ~ Midnight Mass

9:30am

**5:00pm** ~ Spanish Mass

## **Holy Family Sunday**

## Sunday, December 26

8:30am Regular
10:30am Sunday Masses

**4:00pm** ~ With Christmas being on Saturday, our evening weekend Mass will be on Sunday.

7:00pm ~ Spanish Mass

## Solemnity of Mary. Mother of God\*

## Friday, December 31

4:00pm

## Saturday, January 1

8:30am

\*Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

## **Epiphany Sunday**

\*Regular Mass Schedule\*

Saturday, January 1

4:00pm

#### Sunday, January 2

8:30am

10:30am

**7:00pm** ~ Spanish Mass

#### **Advent Angels**

A special thank you for the donations to Advent Angels. Gift packages will be delivered by our volunteers to the homebound, sick, and residents in the local nursing homes.

Envelopes for Christmas flowers & decorations are included 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 by Dec. 17.



The Art & Environment Committee will be decorating the church for Christmas on Thursday, Dec. 23, after the 8:30am Mass.

Please consider helping to decorate the church for Christmas. It would be very helpful if several young adults could help with the lifting. For more information, call Vicki Walker at 217.821.6179.

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#### Liturgical Ministers for December 18-19, 2021 4:00pm Mass 8:30am Mass 10:30am Mass Ministry Cliff & Mary Klein Jim & Carol Hakman Pat Bristow Sacristan Lector Sandy Kreke Paige Sherrod Abbey Nosbisch **EMHC** Linda Buehnerkemper Joan Thies Leon Hillyer Vicki Walker Kara Haarmann Derek Kruger Dennis Carie Fred Jansen Ushers Tony Hakman Jim Hecht Mark Krietemever **Heath Houck** Charlie McWhorter Charles Poulin Mike Roedl Mark Thies Marty Stock **Brett Wilson** Greeter Mel & Elaine Stock Jason Albert Family Ron & Cindy Goddard **Gift Bearers** Joyce Traub Jerry Ludwig Family Ron & Cindy Goddard Asha W. / Aidan G. Philip G. / Mara G. Brady W. / Miley W. Servers Dani G. Lena H. / Jacob W. Ashlynn W. / Owen A.

## **Parish News**

The Sunday 8:30am Mass and weekday Masses are being live streamed at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicParishEffinghamIL/">https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicParishEffinghamIL/</a> and on our YouTube page: "Sacred Heart Effingham".

## ~ Prayer List ~

Joe Mitchell, Cathy Hayes, Don Miller,
Brian A. Niebrugge, Deb Meyers,
Donald Rentfrow Jr., Gordon Kreke, Rita Schrader,
Fred Schaefer, Sarah Taylor, Cassie Worman,
Linda Nolan, Sr. Ann Fearday, Sharon Ghast,
Joe Donnelley, Mary Jane Behrman, Robert Hille,
Richard Bushur, Danny Bushur, Claudia Gale,
Carolyn Jansen, Anne Bourgeois, Carmen Walker,
Declan Robertson, Mary Ann Sanders, Mary Lou Jenson



## Rest in Peace

Our sympathy to family and friends of 
†Mary Louise Althoff

#### Sacred Heart Parish Calendar

## Monday, December 13

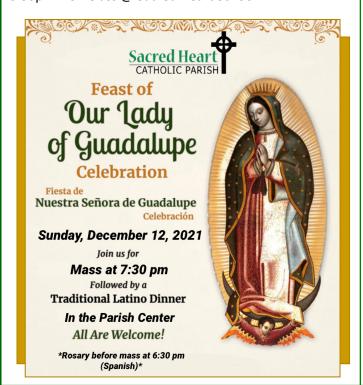
7:00pm: Adoration & Reconciliation
@ Sacred Heart Church

## Wednesday, December 15

5:30pm: Choir Practice @ Sacred Heart Church

6:30pm: Search Program @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

6:30pm: PSR Class @ Sacred Heart School



## **Sacred Heart Church Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm; Sunday: 8:30am and 10:30am 7:00pm (Misa en Español)

#### Reconciliation

3:00pm on Saturday and 30 minutes prior to weekday

Masses or by appointment

Silk Purse still needs your help! Please volunteer through the month of December to help them get donated



items ready to sell. When you donate items, please indicate you are from Sacred Heart Church.

#### **Readings for the Week**

Monday, Dec. 13: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27 Tuesday, Dec. 14: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, Dec. 15: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, Dec. 16: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30 Friday, Dec. 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17 Saturday, Dec. 18: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Sunday, Dec . 19: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

## **Sacred Heart Mass Schedule**

Monday, December 13

6:00am: †Fred Amacher, †Karen Stroud, †Louise Rose

Nuxoll

Tuesday, December 14

8:30am: Living & Deceased members of the †Jerry

Vonderheide Family

Wednesday, December 15

8:30am: †Carol Anne Utz

Thursday, December 16

8:30am: †Tim Wendt

Friday, December 17

8:30am: NO Mass

Saturday, December 18 4:00pm: †Nolen Sheehan

Sunday, December 19

8:30am: Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women Sick,

Homebound, and Ladies over 80 **10:30am:** For Our Parishioners

7:00pm Spanish Mass: †Bill & Louise Sheehan Family

## Parish & School News



**JA-FA is taking photographs for our new pictorial directory.** Due to high demand, we have added additional photo session dates. To sign up, visit our website at www.sheff.org and click on the link in the yellow alert bar at the top of each page, or call the parish office, or via

signup genius at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054FAEA723A0F58-parish1.

Dates for family/individual pictures at the Sacred Heart Parish Center (appt times are every 15 minutes) are:

- \* Tuesday, Dec. 28 3:00pm to 8:00pm
- \* Wednesday, Dec. 29 3:00pm to 8:00pm
- \* Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022 Noon to 8:00pm

#### Pricing:

- ◆ \$80 includes a directory and the thumb drive with all of your pictures
- ◆ OR can spend \$80 on ordering pictures with JA-FA and still receive a directory
- ◆ \$30 to purchase directory only (no thumb drive)
- ◆ Free someone wants to come in for a picture (to be included in the book). You do not receive a directory or a thumb drive. Those must be purchased.



In Advent, our Monday morning Mass is celebrated at 6:00am. This Mass will start in darkness and only lights of the candle will show us the way-like Mary is showing us Jesus. The light of our candles is a symbol of our longing for the coming of our Savior whose light is already dawning. As it will be dark in the church, feel free to bring a lantern with you to Mass.



Reservations for the 2022-2023 Empower Illinois Scholarships will open on January 12 at 6:30pm. Empower Illinois Scholarships are open to any new or existing K-12 family who meets certain financial qualifications. They can be used toward SHS K-8 tuition. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first -serve basis so it is important to reserve your spot as soon as reservations open. After reserving your time stamp on January 12, you will receive an email to log into your EmpowerXChange portal and complete the application when it opens on January 14. For more information or to find out if you qualify, visit https://empowerillinois.org/. You can also contact the Empower Illinois team with any questions about the reservation process by calling 800.616.7606 or emailing scholars@empowerillinois.org.



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Last week, our Sacred Heart School reached out to the victims of the Waukesha, Wisconsin, Christmas parade tragedy with a special card signed by the students extending their prayers for them at this difficult time. Father Patrick Heppe, with the Catholic Community of Waukesha, was among the dozens who were injured during the Christmas Parade tragedy. As Father Patrick continues to heal and lead the congregation at St. William Catholic Church, he believes it all begins with forgiveness. "The combination I think of faith, family love, family support, and the community rallying. I think the sharing of experiences is going to help us deal with it, cope with it, and be able to put it behind us," said Father Patrick.



## **School News**

## SHS Christmas Wish List

#### **Preschool**

New or excellent condition, small tricycles or big wheels

#### Grade 2

- New CD player
- Large Stamp Pads

#### **Grade 4**

- Many paperback copies of the chapter book The Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop
- Many paperback copies of the chapter book *Indian* in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
- Five paperback copies of the chapter book There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar
- Eight paperback copies of the chapter book *Double Fudge* by Judy Blume
- Ticonderoga Pencils

#### Grade 5

Additional trade books to replace those that have been well-read:

- Sign of the Beaver (15)
- Number the Stars (15)
- ♣ Ghost Cadet (10)
- Stealing South (10)
- Sing Down the Moon (10)

Field Guide Booklets for:

- ♣ What Tree Is That? (20)
- Eastern and Central U.S. (20)

#### **Technology Class**

Twenty-five SpeedSkin UltraSlim 2nd Generation No-Peek Keyboard Covers https://www.amazon.com/SpeedSkin-UltraSlim-Generation-No-Peek-Keyboard/dp/B08XC2CDKQ/ref=sr 1 1?

keywords=speedskin+UltraSlim+Gen-

2+cover&qid=1637270255&s=electronics&sr=1-1

## **Music Program**

- Eight 10" Remo Fiberskyn Frame Drums https://www.westmusic.com/drums-percussion/ world-drums-percussion/frame-drums/200926
- Eight 12" Remo Fiberskyn Frame Drums https://www.westmusic.com/drums-percussion/ world-drums-percussion/frame-drums/200927

#### Resource

Colorful Expo Dry Erase Markers



Sacred Heart School is hosting our annual Christmas Program and Band Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 6:15pm, in the school gym. Entitled "The Mystery of Simon Shepherd", the program will be a special performance

showcasing our K-8 students! Dress rehearsal will be on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 1:00pm, if you are unable to attend on Thursday.



On Monday morning, our kindergartners lead us in morning prayer and formed their special Advent 'wreath', showing all the students that the second candle is now lit. Following prayer, our students were greeted by a special visitor - St Nicholas! In honor of Monday being the feast of St. Nicholas, the students heard a short story about St. Nick's life. They learned about St. Nick sharing bags of gold with those less fortunate. He set the example of giving gifts and helping others, while not asking for anything in return. The students were challenged to think about something nice they could do for others or something nice they could give to others, without wanting anything in return.

The meat bundles fundraiser from McMahon Meats should be picked up the week of Dec. 13-18. McMahon's is located at 1112 W Main St, Teutopolis.



#### **Sacred Heart School Calendar**

Monday, December 13

6:15pm: Boys' Basketball @ Newton St. Thomas

Wednesday, December 15

1:00pm: Christmas Program Rehearsal @ SHS gym

Thursday, December 16

6:15pm: Christmas Program @ SHS gym

Friday, December 17

Noon dismissal, No lunch served, Clubhouse is open

## **Community News**

The Adult Christmas Party (no children under 18 please) is on Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Effingham Event Center. Doors will open at noon and they will eat at 1:00pm.



To spread a little Christmas Spirit, we are

asking guests to bring a wrapped gift for our friends and loved ones in nursing homes; socks, small blankets, coloring books, wordsearch books, puzzles, other clothing and activity items. Wrap the gift with a note on the outside what it is.

Please invite or bring a prospective Knight and guest to the Adult Christmas party.



FREE Children's Orthopedic Clinic by Dr. Timothy Gray, at Sarah Bush Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic, Effingham, on Thursday, Dec. 16, starting at 8:00am.

Call 1-800-272-0074 between 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday to make an appointment (required).

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others-educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously.



St. Thomas School presents the 3rd annual Trivia Night & Live LIVE AUCTION Auction on Saturday, Feb. 19,

2022, at 6:30pm, at the St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton. Cost is \$160 per team of 8 adults over age 21 (space is limited, so sign up early-deadline is Feb. 5). There will be fun trivia questions, silent & live auction, games, food, and more!! For more information contact Jill Bierman or Lori Smith at 618.783.3517.

Dive Deep: 10 myths about going to confession - Going to confession can be scary. There are plenty of false ideas about confession that may be holding you back from receiving the



grace of this sacrament. Dive Deep debunks 10 myths and offers advice and encouragement to receive God's mercy. Go to dio.org/podcast to listen and subscribe.

Effingham County FISH Organization is sponsoring the annual FREE Effingham County Christmas Day Dinner on Saturday, December 25. Due to the coronavirus, there will be no congregate



All meals will be delivered or available for meal. curbside pickup. Meal delivery will take place between 10:00am and noon. Curbside pickup will be available at the Cornerstone Christian Church, 3600 South Banker, Effingham, between 11:00am and 12:00pm.

This dinner is free and open to all Effingham County residents and their families; however, donations are always greatly appreciated and may be sent to Effingham County FISH, P.O. Box 473, Effingham, IL 62401. To reserve home delivered meals and curbside pickup, call the Senior Center at 217.347.5569 by noon on Dec. 22. Residents receiving delivered meals will need to have a cooler or space available for the volunteers to put the meals.

Volunteers are also needed to package and deliver all meals. They will start cutting cakes and packaging meals at 9:00am. To volunteer, please call Susan Elke at 217.868.5913.



A Diocesan-wide Pro-Life Mass with Bishop Paprocki and March for Life will be held on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022 in Springfield, IL. A bus has been secured by the Effingham Area

Right to Life group to take to Springfield. registration fee is \$30 and also a package of diapers to be donated to the Family Life Center. The adult & youth registration paper is in the Sacred Heart Church Narthex on the counter. All 7th grade to college-aged students and adults welcome!! There will be a 10:00am Mass celebrated by Bishop Paprocki at the Cathedral, a March to the Capitol and back. The charter bus will be leaving Effingham Events Center at 7:30am and returning at 4:00pm. Complete information is included on the registration form. The deadline to sign up is Jan. 10. Any questions, call Diann Ruholl at 217.663.2056.

Effingham Area Right to Life Breakfast will be Jan. 16, 2022, at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall from 7:00am until 12:30pm with inside dining. The menu is sausage, eggs, sweet breads, and drinks. There will



be a guilt raffle and a 50/50 raffle. For donations of cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, and to volunteer to help, please text Susan Vogt 217.663.2084.

## **Parish News**

## **Financial**

#### YEAR-END GIVING

#### IRS EXTENDS A \$300 TAX BREAK FOR 2021

The US government has extended a \$300 tax break through 2021. Taxpayers who don't itemize deductions may take a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions made in 2021 to qualifying charities. If you've felt God leading you to make a \$300 gift to Sacred Heart Parish, this may be the perfect timing for you.

#### **GIFTS OF CASH**

The most popular way to make a gift is with cash or a check. To take a deduction for the gift on your 2021 tax return, your gift must be dropped off at the parish office by Thursday, December 30, 2021, or postmarked on or before December 31, 2021.

## **IRA DISTRIBUTIONS**

As of December 31, 2019, the age for beginning mandatory IRA distributions is age 72. When you choose to make your distribution to Sacred Heart Parish from your IRA, the contribution counts towards your required minimum distribution and is NOT included in your adjusted gross income (AGI). This could qualify you for tax breaks tied to your AGI and reduce or eliminate taxes on your Social Security benefits.



SCRIP cards make great Christmas gifts! School families can send a SCRIP order to school on Monday and receive in-stock SCRIP cards on Thursday of the same

week! SCRIP cards are sold in church on Tuesdays and in the Church Narthex on the weekends of Dec. 11-12 and Dec. 18-19. Any questions, call the parish office.

## **Our Stewardship of Treasure**

Sunday, December 5, 2021

\$ 14,999.00 **Envelopes: Loose Collection** 496.00 Total: \$ 15,495.00

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