



Fourth Sunday of Advent **December 19, 2021**



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Message from Fr. Michal . . .

This Sunday, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and mark the final week of prayer



and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final purple candle symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



Please join me for our last 6:00am Monday morning Rorate Mass on Dec. 20. This Mass will start in darkness and only lights of the candles will guide the way so feel free to bring a lantern with you to Mass. Monday morning Masses will resume at 8:30am on Monday, Dec. 27.

Adoration & Reconciliation on Monday, Dec. 20, at 7:00pm, with an additional priest available for Reconciliation. I am also available for Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to weekday Masses, or by appointment.





I look forward to celebrating our Christmas Masses with you **next weekend.** A special thank you to all our volunteers who are assisting with ministries, decorating, and all the preparation for Christmas.

"Koleda" - 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 "Koleda".

God bless

Fr. Michal

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

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women hosted their Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 9, with Fr. Michal, 45 ladies, and Santa present. A silent auction was held netting \$694 which will be given to families in need. Just a reminder that the CCW ladies host the concessions for the third Tuesday of the month for the Effingham K of C bingo night. Also, a special thank you to Bill Pearcy for the beautiful crib he built which will house the new nativity set that was purchased for the church. Thank you to Dec. Committee of Linda Jansen, Beth Wiedman, Vicki Walker, and Carol

Toney for a wonderful meal and evening.







Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, December 26, 2021

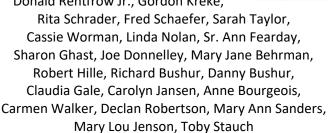
Ministry	8:30am Mass	10:30am Mass	4:00pm Mass
Sacristan	Jim & Carol Hakman	Pat Bristow	Cliff & Mary Klein
Lector	Mike Schmitz	Anna Sophia Keller	Mark Volk
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Gift Bearers	Donna Keller Family	Scott Kastl Family	Needed
Servers	Anna A. / Will A. Madeline G. / Olivia G. William E. / Hayden B.	Joshua J. / Tyler J. Freddie J. / Noah J.	Matthew V. / Mara B. Needed

Parish News

The Sunday 8:30am Mass and weekday Masses are being live streamed at https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicParishEffinghamIL/ 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, Sar Cassie Worman, Linda Nolan, Sr. A





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.

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.



Our Young Hearts Potluck will be on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at noon, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Meat will be furnished. Please bring a side dish or

dessert. Please join us for lunch and fellowship!

Sacred Heart Parish Calendar

Monday, December 20

7:00pm: Adoration & Reconciliation

@ Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday, December 21

12:00pm: Young Hearts Potluck

@ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Wednesday, December 22

No PSR Classes

The parish office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 27.

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

Readings for the Week

Monday, Dec. 20: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, Dec. 21: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday, Dec. 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56 Thursday, Dec. 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Friday, Dec. 24: 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Saturday, Dec. 25: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Sunday, Dec . 26: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;

Lk 2:41-52

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, December 20

6:00am: †Millie Nosbisch, †Mary McWhorter,

†Dariane Weis

Tuesday, December 21

8:30am: Living & Deceased Members of the †Joe & †Cecilia

Buening Family

Wednesday, December 22

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

Family

Thursday, December 23

8:30am: †Paul Kemme

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

8:30am: No Mass

4:00pm: For Our Parishioners

Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

12:00am: For Our Parishioners **9:30am:** For Our Parishioners

5:00pm Spanish: For Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 26

8:30am: For Our Parishioners

10:30am: †Audry Gress **4:00pm:** †Eldor Klitzing

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

Parish & School News



JA-FA is taking photographs for our new pictorial directory. <u>Due to high demand, we have added additional photo session dates.</u> 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.



On Sunday, Dec. 12, a special Mass was celebrated by Fr. Paul Habing at Sacred Heart Church in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico, as well as the protector of unborn children. The Mass included a reenactment of the story of Juan Diego and concluded with a special feast in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Special music was provided by the Spanish choir from Arcola.



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, firstserve 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 emailing scholars@empowerillinois.org.

Our 2022 picnic chairpeople, Bob & Tammy Utz, are looking for a chairperson(s) who would oversee our picnic dinner. Our picnic will be June 25-26, 2022. For more information, contact Bob Utz at 217.994.4140.





The Council of Catholic Women from St. Mary's Church in Shumway invites both Sacred Heart and St. Anthony ladies to a special Mass and dinner/dessert on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Al Allen

and the meal will follow in their hall. Ladies, mark your calendar to go and enjoy the evening.

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-

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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

This past week, we hosted our Christmas program and the students have been wrapping up our Advent projects. We appreciate the support of our school families on donating items for Ballard Nature Center, Effingham County Humane Society, Catholic Charities, and Family Life Center. Our junior high classes donated money for Scrip cards for our seminarians to assist them with their living expenses. Thank you for your donations!

Congratulations to our Accelerated Reader All-Stars!

Gr. 1: Bo Z., Avery M.

Gr. 2: Grace G., Braylon M., Landon B.

Gr. 3: Haylie R., Treyton S., Odyssia M.

Gr. 4: Will M., Kaden P.

Gr. 5: Ethan P., Logan R.

Gr. 6: Lucy C., Jonathan B.

Gr. 7: Page B., Elisabeth G.

Gr. 8: Derek D., Gracie H.

Due to high demand, additional photo session dates have been added for the pictorial. 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. The additional dates are:

Tuesday, Dec. 28, 3:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 3:00pm-8:00pm

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022, noon-8:00pm

This pictorial directory is a valuable keepsake, so please set up your appointment and be included in the book.

As we wrap up our final week before Christmas break, I would like to extend warm wishes for a blessed Christmas from our Sacred Heart School staff.

Sacred Heart School Calendar

Monday, December 20

6:00pm: Boys' Basketball @ Altamont

Tuesday, December 21

10:30am: Pre-School Christmas Program @ SHS

Wednesday, December 22

10:30am: Pre-School Christmas Program @ SHS

Thursday, Dec. 23—Sunday, Jan. 2

Christmas Break

School resumes on Monday, January 3, 2022



"The true joy of Christmas is the love of Christ, shared with family and friends. May you find His peace, love, and joy in the coming New Year."

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 quest to the Adult Christmas party.*



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Christmas season. Tune in to WGMR 91.3 FM on the radio or listen live on our free Covenant Network App or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

Supreme Court's 2022 term: Will Roe v Wade end? In 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court will rule on a state of Mississippi law that bans



abortions after 15 weeks. This past summer, lawyers for Mississippi asked the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade. What will happen? Dive Deep interviews Peter Breen with the Thomas More Society to discuss that. Go to dio.org/podcast to listen and subscribe or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms.



St. Thomas School presents the 3rd annual Trivia Night & Live 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.

Quincy University is accepting applications for the Diocesan scholarship. A \$500 Diocesan Scholarship will be awarded to



a student who is a member of a parish in the Diocese of Springfield. Applications are due by March 15, 2022. Apply at quincy.edu/apply.

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



<u>meal</u>. All meals will be delivered or available for 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. The 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 quilt 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 TAX BREAK FOR 2021

The US government has extended a tax break through 2021 at the rate of \$300 for individuals and \$600 for married couples filing jointly. Taxpayers who don't itemize deductions may take a charitable deduction for cash contributions made in 2021 to qualifying charities. If you've felt God leading you to make a 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 will be sold in the Church Narthex on Dec. 18-19 and in the parish office Monday-Thursday for those last minute Christmas gifts. Any questions

or more information, call the parish office at 217.347.7177. Thank you for your support!

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Wednesday, Dec. 8, & Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 17,335.00 Loose Collection 889.00 Total: \$ 18,224.00

"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

There is a special envelope in your December packets for the Catholic Children's Home. In the spirit of Christ's affection for all children. please support their work by contributing to this special collection.









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