

# Welcome!



**SACRED HEART**  
Catholic Parish & School



## Feast of the Holy Family - December 28, 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 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:

Healing: Mondays at 9:00am

Flame of Love: Wednesdays at 3:30pm

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Monthly on First Monday

9:00am-8:00pm

Reconciliation 7:00-8:00pm

**This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.** This feast day celebrates the human family unit, as well as the ultimate family unit: Jesus, the Blessed Mother Mary, and St. Joseph. They are a true model we can follow, and from which our families can draw inspiration, help, and comfort.

**We invite you to enter the new year by celebrating with us for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.** This Solemnity celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone. May each of us imitate her faith and keep our trust in God each and every day. **We will have Masses on Thursday, January 1, at 8:30am, 12:10pm, and 6:30pm.** Please join us! \*The 12:10pm Mass will be incense-free.\*



**A Note From Fr. Michal:** Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. It is beautiful! We are grateful that so many people came to share their time and talents to make the sanctuary look extra special this Christmas season. Thank you also to everyone who sent Christmas cards, gifts, and wishes. We are very blessed here at Sacred Heart to have such wonderful parish families!

# Happy New Year!

**The parish office will be closed on  
Wednesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 1.**

### Be Our Light for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit,

Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.

Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.

Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.

May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,

A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,

A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,

A time for growing in virtue and goodness.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Be with us today and always.

**Prayer List:** Nicole Bishop, Bill Weis, Maria Dolores Kingery, Tom Palmer, Brenda Harris, Trevor Roy, Stan & Cis Ozenkoski, Mary Jane Behrman, Jackson Gaitros, Robert Overbeck, Jim Hakman, Lori Portz, Anthony Wirth, Jean Sheehan, Anita McKerrow

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. ♥



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
Sunday, January 11  
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Parish Center  
405 S. Henrietta

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Our 2026 parish calendars, courtesy of Roy Schmidt Honda and Jansen's Heating & Air, are available in the church narthex. Each family is invited to take one.

### SACRED HEART CHURCH & SCHOOL CALENDAR

✝ Parish Event ☺ School Event

#### December 20-January 5

☺ Christmas Break—School Resumes January 6, 2026

#### Monday, December 29

✝ Pray the Healing Rosary in church 9:00am

#### Tuesday, December 30

✝ Morning Study Group Cancelled  
(Catechism Study will conclude on January 6)

#### Wednesday, December 31—New Year's Eve

✝ Parish Office Closed  
✝ No Flame of Love Rosary (will resume January 7)  
✝ PSR Classes Cancelled (Family Night on January 7)

#### Thursday, January 1—New Year's Day

✝ Parish Office Closed  
✝ Men's Prayer Group Cancelled (will resume January 8)

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

**January 7, 2026:** PSR Family Night

**February 7 & 8, 2026:** Book & Bake Sale

**March 14, 2026:** St. Pat's Bash

**June 27 & 28, 2026:** Sacred Heart Picnic

**Join Fr. Michal Rosa for a Catholic Journey through Turkey May 17-30, 2026.** Enjoy an unforgettable 14 days traveling through the historic and spiritual heart of Turkey. The cost of \$5,690/person includes all transportation, tickets to destinations, daily breakfast and dinner, and accommodation in 3-4 star hotels for the duration of the trip. For more details, talk to Fr. Michal or visit [sheff.org](https://sheff.org).

**We have several items from the Holy Land for sale in the narthex.** The items are the same items that you would be able to purchase if you were in Bethlehem on a pilgrimage. All of the items are hand-crafted, unique, high-quality, and made of olive wood. All money collected will be sent directly to our contact in Bethlehem, Daniel Yacoub. Mr. Yacoub will distribute the funds to the craftsmen that supplied the products to Sacred Heart.

**The Sacred Heart Parish Center would be a great location for your next family gathering!** If you are interested in renting the parish center, contact the parish office for details and availability.

**Mass intentions can be requested for a free-will offering (typically \$10) and can be scheduled in the parish office Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 4:30pm.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, December 29

**8:30am:** ✝ Pat Hayes, ✝ Dolores Klee,  
✝ Georgette Broxton, ✝ Kathy Fehrenbacher

#### Tuesday, December 30

**8:30am:** ✝ Elizabeth & ✝ Steve Dudra, ✝ George Pastor

#### Wednesday, December 31

**8:30am:** ✝ Kenneth Kreke

#### Thursday, January 1

#### —Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**8:30am:** ✝ Bob Hille  
**12:10pm:** For Our Parishioners  
**6:30pm:** Living & Deceased Members  
of the Mross & Murphy Families

#### Saturday, January 3

**4:00pm:** For Our Parishioners

#### Sunday, January 4

**8:30am:** ✝ James Bowlin  
**10:30am:** ✝ Deborah Holifield  
**5:00pm:** La Misa en Español



**Count Down to Christmas**  
**25 DAYS OF PRIZES**

**Congratulations to all of the Count Down to Christmas winners!** Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. Our students appreciate your support and are looking forward to their trip next year!

- 1) Little Theater on the Square Tickets:  
Betty Zumbahlen
- 2) \$100 Cash: Jean Bohnhoff
- 3) \$100 to Modern Family Dinners: Linda Jansen
- 4) Sacred Heart Picnic Pack: Amanda Stroud
- 5) Effingham Performance Center Tickets:  
Blair Jenson
- 6) \$100 Cash: Vidaliz Berg
- 7) Diamond Earrings: Ron & Rhonda Deters
- 8) Nativity Set & 4 Easter Brunches at Thelma Keller Convention Center: Alice Dust
- 9) 3 Months of Southtown Carwash & \$100 Dan Hecht Gift Card: Amanda Haynes
- 10) Cayla's Power Tumbling Birthday Party: Josh Esker
- 11) Fairfield Inn Romance Package & Firefly Grill \$50 Gift Card: Stephanie Schultz
- 12) Puerto Vallarta \$100 Gift Card & Homewood Grill \$50 Gift Card: Jim & Jill Grunloh
- 13) White Elephant Gift - Clean Sweep Basket: Cary Zehner
- 14) \$100 to Fujiyama Steakhouse: Kim Willenborg
- 15) \$50 Cash: Hailey Niemerg
- 16) \$50 Top Shelf Gift Card & Tuscan Hills Wine:  
Jim & Jill Grunloh
- 17) \$100 Cash: Lia Hartke
- 18) \$100 to Beanstalk Boutique: Jackson Schultz
- 19) \$100 to Boots & Soles: Jennifer Hecht
- 20) \$100 to FS Fast Stop: Joan Frey
- 21) \$100 to Fujiyama Steakhouse: Sarah Ruholl
- 22) \$100 Cash: Krissy Overbeck
- 23) Boho Clinique Rejuvenation Facial: Julie Hotze
- 24) \$500 Cash: Tony & Donna Kistner
- 25) \$500 Cash: Jill Schoenhoff

***“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”***  
**- Matthew 22:37 -**



**Our Spanish community held a beautiful celebration for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 14.**







**Advent Projects**

Each of our PreK-8 classes participated in Advent projects. Shown above are our fourth and fifth graders who collected baby items for the Family Life Center.



**Christmas Caroling**

Our preschool students went Christmas caroling through the halls at school and over to the parish office. Meanwhile, our junior high students went caroling to several parishioners' homes and local assisted living homes.







### **4-Year-Old Preschool Christmas Program**



### **K-8 Christmas Program "Bethlehem Gulch"**



### **Christmas Store**

All K-8 students had the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their immediate family at our SPA (Shamrock Parent Association)-Sponsored Christmas Store. The kids feel so proud to pick out their very own gifts to give. Special shoutout to all the moms who planned the event, wrapped gifts and/or helped kids shop! Thank you!



## **Hot Cocoa Bar, Bowling, Centers, & Parties**

Thank you SPA (Shamrock Parent Association) for providing a fun day of bowling and a delicious Hot Cocoa Bar (thank you Joe Sippers Café for donating the hot chocolate).





**YEAR-END GIVING:** If you would like to give a year-end financial gift to the church or school, the most popular way to do so is with cash or check. To take a deduction for the gift on your 2025 tax return, your gift must be returned to the parish office by Monday, December 29, 2025, or postmarked on or before December 31, 2025.

Online donations can be made at  
<https://pushpay.com/g/sacredhearteffingham>

**IRA DISTRIBUTIONS:** The age for mandatory IRA distributions is age 73. 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. For specific questions about how IRA giving may impact your personal situation, consult a financial or tax advisor.

The ladies of Sacred Heart Parish are invited to Saint Mary's of Shumway CCW Casserole Dinner on Tuesday, January 6, at 6:00pm. Please enter through the side door and go down to the basement.



Join us for the monthly Deanery Date Night on Sunday, January 18, from 4:00-7:00pm at St. Aloysius Church in Bishop Creek.

There will be a 4:00pm prayer service, followed by speakers and a catered meal. \$30 per couple, childcare provided.

RSVP here by 1/12:



## Our Stewardship of Treasure

Date	Weekend Collection	Budgeted Amount	Difference
Nov. 30	\$11,543.00	\$12,880.00	(\$1,337.00)
Dec. 7	\$21,285.00*	\$12,880.00	+\$8,405.00
Dec. 14	\$16,728.04	\$12,880.00	+\$3,848.04
Dec. 21	Due to holiday, this info will be shared next week.		

*\*Includes December 8th Immaculate Conception Masses*

**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)*

**Ways to continue supporting Sacred Heart Parish:**

**In Person:** Place donation in the offertory basket at Mass or slip it through the parish drop box.  
**Online:** <https://pushpay.com/g/sacredhearteffingham>  
**Mail:** 405 S. Henrietta Street, Effingham, IL 62401

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

*The Roaring Twenties*

## WED, DEC 31

## ST ALOYSIUS HALL

Tickets \$40/Person  
 Dinner 7:30pm: Roast Beef & Pork Loin  
 Music & Entertainment: Cash Bar  
 Activities throughout the night:  
 Costume Contest, 50/50, Party Favors, & Champagne at midnight.  
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