



Feast of the Holy Family December 31, 2023



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During a life emergency, while offices are closed, please contact 217.703.1042 to reach a priest.

Notes from Father Michal:

Thank you to everyone who gave their time and talents to decorate our church for our Christmas celebrations! It was especially challenging this year due to the 4th Sunday of Advent falling on December 24th, but our volunteers did a wonderful job.

Merry Christmas!





I want to thank you for all your Christmas cards, gifts, and wishes!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast day honors Jesus, the Blessed Mother Mary, and St. Joseph. They are our model to follow in our own Catholic families and homes.



Enter the New Year with Our Lady by celebrating the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On Monday, January 1st, please join us for Mass to honor Mary at either 8:30am or 6:30pm.

Due to the Solemnity on Monday, January 1st, our Monday Adoration in January will be on Monday, January 8th. Signup for Adoration is in the narthex. Please know that all are welcome to join us for Adoration—even if you do not sign up, please still come.

I would like to visit the homes of all of my parishioners to bless your home. These visits can be only 10 minutes or could include a longer visit. I am open to whatever works for your household. Please talk to me after Mass or call the parish office to schedule a time. Thank you in advance for inviting me into your homes!

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

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 2

Boys' BB at Newton St. Thomas 6:15pm

Wednesday, January 3

Teacher's Institute—school not in sessions

4:30pm: Volleyball vs. St.Elmo/Browstown @ home

6:15pm: Boys Basketball @ St. Elmo

Thursday, January 4

Sacred Heart School back in session

3:15pm: Volleyball vs Trinity Lutheran @ home

6:00pm: Boys basketball @ Dieterich

Friday, January 5

6:15pm: 5th/6th Boys Basketball vs ALIS @ home

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK Friday, December 22—Wednesday, January 3



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN
FATHER MICHAL ON A
PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND.
AN ITINERARY BROCHURE IS
AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

SACRED HEART CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, January 1

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

No Tuesday study group

Wednesday, January 3

6:30pm: PSR Family Night Epiphany Party

Thursday, January 4

No Thursday evening study group

Sunday, January 7

11:30am: Symbolon Class (RCIA)

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 16, 2024: St. Pat's Bash June 22 & 23: Sacred Heart Picnic

~ Prayer List ~

Pat Prichard, Britney (Walters) Chester, Barb Hoefft, Carolyn Ordner, Tom Hewing, Bill Foreman, Jackson Gaitros, Avery Gardewine Braunecker, Holly Althoff Newburn, Dawson Althoff, Bill Frese, Linda Frese, Mindy Reardon, Sister Pat Thies



The Effingham Knights of Columbus FREE THROW CONTEST will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024. Registration from 12:00 to 12:30 with the free throw shoot starting at 12:30 p.m. at The Enlow Center at St. Anthony High School. ALL boys and girls ages 9 to 14

(age as of January 1) are invited and welcome to participate. The winners will go on to the District Free Throw Contest in February. If there are questions, please contact Greg Koester at (217) 821-7731.



Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, January 1

8:30am: †Patricia Fuesting **6:30pm:** +Margaret Fulk

Tuesday, January 2

8:30am: †Louise Rose Nuxoll

Wednesday, January 3 8:30am: †Jerry Stock

Thursday, January 4

8:30am: †Patricia Ketteman

Friday, January 5

8:30am: †Roy & +Clara Painter

Saturday, January 6

4:00pm: For Our Parishioners

Sunday, January 7

8:30am: +Diana Fuesting 10:30am: +Rita Yocum

SonRise Men's Breakfast - Friday January 5th

All men of the parish are invited to attend this new semester beginning in January.

This semester will include a unique focus on The Mysteries of the Rosary during Lent with virtual travel through the Holy Land.

SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast meets at St. Anthony's Parish Center Friday mornings for men from multiple parishes. Breakfast is served at 6:10 a.m., program at 6:30am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30am. Become a better son, brother, husband, father, and friend beginning with your relationship with God. There is no charge. Any questions? Contact Dan Woods at 217-821-1495 or danwoodsfache@gmail.com.

PRE-CANA: March 9, 2024

A one-day PreCana session will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Sainte Marie on March 9. 2024. There is a fee of \$50.00 for the day, which includes meal and materials. If you would like to attend, call 618-455-3155 or email: stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com to register.

> The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 1st.





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Sunday, December 24, 2023

Envelopes: \$ 7,536.56 Loose Collection: 3,113.52 Total: 10.650.08

"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

SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL PRO-LIFE **BREAKFAST**

JANUARY 21 2024

7AM - 12:00PM

Hosted by Effingham Area Right to Life

Please Join Us!

Whole Hog Sausage & Egg Breakfast

Sunday, January 21 from 7am-12:00pm

Teutopolis Banquet Hall 210 S. Pearl Street

- **Free-Will Donation**
- · Dine In or Carry Out
- 50/50 Drawing

 Raffle Baskets for All Ages To volunteer (or if you have questions), please call or text Susan at 217.663.2084



Effingham Area Right to Life

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