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Message from Fr. Michal . . .

This week, we welcomed Bishop Carl Kemme (Diocese of Wichita, Kansas) and Father Marek Kasperczuk (St. Josephinum Seminary, Columbus, OH) at several of our morning Masses. Bishop Kemme was home to visit family for Christmas and Fr. Marek is on break from the seminary. As we continue this



Christmas season, may we thank God for the many blessings in our life.



This weekend, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord which commemorates the visit of the Magi to the child Jesus. The Magi follow a star, travel a great distance, trust the words of

others, bring and give gifts. As we celebrate, we remember that God came to earth for everyone, every nation, every people.

Servers Meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 3, at 6:15pm, in Sacred Heart Church. All servers are asked to be there.





Adoration & Reconciliation will be Monday, Jan. 3, at 7:00pm, in Sacred Heart Church. Adoration allows us an extended moment to quiet ourselves to listen to our Lord and pray. So, let us start off the year at Adoration on Monday.

Parish Council will meet on Thursday, January 13, at 7:00pm, in the Church Narthex. If you have any items for discussion, please email parishcouncil@sheff.org



and it will be added to the agenda for the meeting. Members include George Wenthe, Jason Albert, Carson Tardy, Abbey Nosbisch, Dennis Carie, Jean Harder, Tina Herzing, Ivan & Jennifer Estrada Silguero, Tom Purcell, and April Ritz.

Can I visit you? I find it difficult to get to know my parishioners by just greeting them after Mass or seeing them at a social function. 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 makes a short visit with the family. So, please call our parish office or talk to me after Mass and schedule a date for a short visit.

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

Parish & School News



Last Call for taking photographs for our new pictorial directory.

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.

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

* 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.



Reservations for the 2022-2023 Empower Illinois Scholarships will open on Wednesday, Jan. 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.

As we embark on a new year, remember . . .

- Attitude is everything
- Be kind to everyone, pray
- Love simply, love generously
- Care deeply, speak kindly
- Leave the rest to God

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.

Sacred Heart School Calendar

Monday, January 3

School resumes

6:15pm: Boys' Basketball @ St. Elmo/Brownstown 6:15pm: Servers Meeting @ Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, January 6

6:00pm: Boys' Basketball @ Dieterich Jr./Sr. High School

Congratulations to our Sacred Heart parishioners attending SAHS and EHS who have been designated as Illinois State Scholars . . . Chloe B., Jackson D., Tyler F., Krista P., Ada R., Ryker S., Jarrett S., and Britney W. State Scholars are selected based on standardized test scores combined with sixth semester class rank. These exceptional students rank in approximately the top ten percent of graduates from Illinois high schools.



January is designated as Right to Life month. Luminaries bring the Pro-Life message to our community to respect life from the moment of conception to natural death. *Please pray for life!*

You are invited to come pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:15pm every day in the Church. The Divine Mercy message reminds us of what the Church has always taught: God is merciful and forgiving and we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. Please join us!



Parish office is closed on Monday, January 3. Wishing you and your family a blessed New Year!

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, Sarah Taylor,
Cassie Worman, Linda Nolan, Sr. Ann Fearday,
Sharon Ghast, Joe Donnelley, Mary Jane Behrman,
Robert Hille, Richard Bushur, Danny Bushur

Robert Hille, Richard Bushur, Danny Bushur, Claudia Gale, Carolyn Jansen, Anne Bourgeois, Carmen Walker, Declan Robertson, Mary Ann Sanders, Mary Lou Jenson, Toby Stauch, Lee Goodman



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.

2022 Sacred Heart Church calendars are available in the Church Narthex. Please take one home. Thank you to Dust & Son for sponsoring the calendars.





Sacred Heart provides food and desserts for the Effingham K of C Council #665 Bingo on the third Tuesday of the month. The proceeds from the sale of food are given to

the CCW. If you would like to provide food or volunteer to serve, please contact Mary Klein, CCW president, at 217.821.9596 or Vicki Walker at 217.821.6179.

Baptisms: We look forward to welcoming you and/or your children to Sacred Heart Parish! To schedule a baptism, call Darlene at the parish office at 347.7177.

Sacred Heart Parish Calendar

Monday, January 3

Parish office closed

6:15pm: Servers Meeting @ Sacred Heart Church 7:00pm: Adoration & Reconciliation @ Sacred Heart

Church

Wednesday, January 5

6:30pm: PSR Classes @ 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



If you would like to donate flowers for the tabernacle, please call Vicki Walker at 217.821.6179.

Readings for the Week

Monday, Jan. 3: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, Jan. 4: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday, Jan. 5: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52 Thursday, Jan. 6: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

Friday, Jan. 7: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16 **Saturday, Jan. 8:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, Jan. 9: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, January 3

8:30am: †Alice M. Bailey, †James Buening, †Darlene

Detmer

Tuesday, January 4

8:30am: †Dr. John Kroeger

Wednesday, January 5 8:30am: †Cathy Swingler

Thursday, January 6

8:30am: Living & Deceased Members of the †Walter Ritchie

Family

Friday, January 7

No Mass

Saturday, January 8

4:00pm: Living & Deceased Members of the Bob & Ann

Overbeck Family

Sunday, January 9

8:30am: For Our Parishioners

10:30am: †Rich Rieman

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

Sacred Heart Parish Christmas











Thank you to the volunteers for decorating the church for the Christmas season. God Bless & Happy New Year!

Sacred Heart School Christmas

Each of our SHS classes did something special to help our local agencies. Supplies, food, and birdseed were donated to Ballard Nature Center from our preschool classes. Baby items were given to Catholic Charities from grades K, 1, and 2. Diapers & baby items were presented to the Family Life Center from grades 4 & 5. Our junior high students collected money for our seminarians and presented them with gift cards. Our K-8 students presented their annual Christmas program and band concert. Also, our preschool classes had a special program for their parents and grandparents. Our fifth grade students sang at our monthly potluck dinner and made ornaments for them.













Our SHS junior high students went caroling at a local nursing home and an assisted living facility along with visiting several homebound parishioners. It was such a joy to share the Christmas spirit with them.



Community News



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, at 6:30pm. 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.*

Natural Family Planning workshops will be:

Saturday, Jan. 15, 9:30am to 11:00am on WebEx Saturday, Feb. 26, 2:00pm to 3:30pm at St. Francis Call or text Kate Pruemer at 217.821.1840 to register.

That Man is You group will resume meeting Fridays beginning on Friday, Jan. 7, at St. Anthony Parish Center. Breakfast begins at 6:10am followed by



a presentation, small group discussions, and then concludes at 7:30am. All men are welcome.

Pre-Cana workshops:

- ◆ St. Francis Church, Teutopolis, on Sunday, Jan. 30. Call 217.961.6404 to register.
- ◆ St. Mary's Church, St. Marie, on Saturday, March 12. Call 618.455.3155 to register.



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be March 18-20 at the Villa Maria Conference Center in

Springfield. Early registration is suggested due to limited space. There is an application fee of \$100. Apply at www.eorg by Jan. 17. For more information, call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314.649.7317.

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.

C.E.F.S. Head Start 0-5 Program is currently taking child applications for enrollment for the 2021-22 school year. Call/text 217.663.7822.

Pro-Life News...

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, please text Susan Vogt at 217.663.2084.

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. Registration paper for all 7th grade to college-aged students and adults is on the counter. 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 Event 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.



St. Anthony Church will be displaying their annual "Luminaries for Life" the weekend of January 22 and 23, 2022. From dusk to dawn, the luminaries will light up the church steps with over 400 messages of respecting life from the moment of conception to natural death. Students from St Anthony Junior

High and High School will be decorating bags with artwork and messages of God's unique, individual love for each of us. In 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court will rule on a state of Mississippi law that bans abortions after 15 weeks. Drive or walk by this beautiful public display of St. Anthony Parish's respect for life. It is a beacon of Christ's love and hope in the community that will shine bright for a few nights during the weekend.

The Project Rachel ministry is a network of healing, composed of specially trained caregivers. Call the toll-free Project Rachel



helpline for a confidential, non-judgmental referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5.

Parish News

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Welcome to Sacred Heart Church

Whether you're a long term attendee or newly arrived i $^{ t l}_{ ext{to}}$ Sacred Heart Church, we extend a warm welcome to $^{ t l}_{ ext{t}}$ $^{ t l}_{ ext{you.}}$ We thank God that you are here with us. If you $^{ t l}_{ ext{i}}$! are not registered, please fill out this form and drop it !off at the parish office, in the collection box, or the mail slot on the east side office doors.

Name:	
Phone:	
Address:	
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Email:	
$\ \square$ Request registration information	
I am interested in learning more about:	
☐ Catholic Faith	☐ Bible Study
□ Baptism	☐ Marriage

If you prefer, send via email to shchurch@sheff.org.



☐ Other Needs

Thank you to everyone who purchased Scrip cards for Christmas. We have replenished our stock of cards from many of our local businesses and restaurants, along

with national chains. Sacred Heart School receives a percentage of each Scrip card sold with many cards at places you already shop. Scrip is sold on Tuesdays in the church office and after Mass in the Church Narthex on the first and third weekend of the month.

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Christmas & Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 24,021.56 Christmas: \$ 11,678.00 Loose Collection: \$ 1,997.00 Total: \$ 37,696.56

"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

In your January envelope packet CATHOLIC TIMES there is an special envelope for Catholic Times magazine. Every

parish family receives the magazine either by mail or by email. It contains information about our diocese. information from other parishes, and articles on our Catholic faith. *Please support this by your donation*.

Reminder: Upload Rural King receipts dated Dec. 9-24 to



www.ruralking.com/churchweek by Jan. 7, 2022 or drop them off at the parish office and we will enter.

A Note of Thanks . . . Catholic Charities would like to thank the parishioners of Sacred Heart for the items donated for the Food Pantry at Thanksgiving. Also, a special thank you to Sacred Heart School for the donation of baby items. Your generosity helped many families.





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