

The Epiphany of the Lord

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Message from Fr. Michal...

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem. He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. We remember that God came to earth for everyone, every nation, every people.



On the first Sunday of each month, I will show the 3-minute Catechism video preceding Mass. This is a short video with information about our Catholic faith, so come a little early for Mass.

Please join me for Adoration on Monday, Jan. 4, at 7:00pm, in church. You grow closer to someone by spending time with them. You build a close bond with someone by taking the time to nurture the relationship. Make it a priority to spend more time in prayer.



Missalettes for this liturgical year are available in the parish office. Please stop by the office from 8:00am to 4:30pm to pick up a copy for your personal use.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed on weekdays at 3:00pm in the church. Everyone is welcome, so please take a few minutes out of your day to come and pray.

Thank you to Dust and Son Auto Supplies for sponsoring our 2021 calendars. Stop by and pick one up in the church narthex at the door entrances or in the parish office.





I would like to thank the servers, liturgical ministers, and choirs for assisting me at all the Christmas Masses. Also, thank you to the Art & Environment Committee and volunteers for decorating the church. I truly appreciate everyone who worked behind the scenes to work out all the details. It was wonderful to see everyone who joined us either in person or via livestreaming.

Parish News

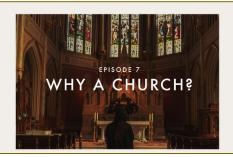
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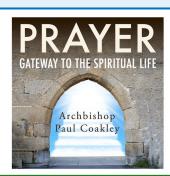
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The Search: Why a Church?

If Christ walked the earth over 2,000 years ago, can I really access Him now? This episode of The Search answers this question and helps us understand the profound meaning of the Church.



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writings. Each class will include a short video, printed notes, reference material, and group discussion. Join us for an hour or so on Wednesdays, Jan. 13, 20, and 27, at 6:30pm, in the Church Narthex.

! Whether you're a long term attendee or newly arrived to Sacred Heart Church, we extend a warm welcome to you. We thank God that you are here with us. If you 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

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church

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We are looking for an individual or couple to serve as a Co-Chairperson for our picnic. This is a three-year commitment. The first two years are



served as assistants to the Chairperson. In the third year, you are the Chairperson, with two assistant chairs. The annual picnic is Sacred Heart's largest fundraiser. Please consider volunteering to help with this important event. If you are interested, please contact Billi Jansen at b.jansen@sheff.org or 347.7177.



As we reflect on the past year, we would like to thank you for your continued support on our year-long fundraisers.

- Coke Rewards caps & labels are entered for cash and the caps are donated to recycle for benches.
- When you use AmazonSmile, a percentage is donated to the school to be used for expenses.
- Aluminum cans are collected on the first Friday of each month through the school year. Place your cans in the front of the school on the lawn.
- Scrip cards are sold every Tuesday at the church office and after Masses on the first and third Sunday of the month. The school receives a percentage of each card sold. Many local businesses and restaurants are available along with national chains. A special thank to the local businesses who help support our school.

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 Swingler, Cathy Hayes,
Keith Willenborg, Clark Wise, Tony Koste,
Richard "Dick" Dust, Betty Miller,
Don Miller, Andrew Sheehan, Clete Westendorf,
Brian A. Niebrugge, Deb Meyers,
Virginia Wendt, Tom Pruemer



Rest in Peace

Our sympathy to family and friends of †Madonna Bushur

Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 6:30pm. If your child is unable to attend, please email Mrs. Jill Feldhake at PSR@sheff.org or call the parish office at 347.7177.





Weekend Mass Reminders

Mass sign up is encouraged, but not required.

You can sign up in two ways:

<u>Signup Online:</u> The signupgenius link is updated each Monday and will be sent via Constant Contact to your email and is updated on our website at www.sheff.org. **Signup by Phone:** Call the church office at 347.7177.

COVID precautions are common-place at work, school, in stores, and social events. Let's continue to work together to take precautions at church too.

- 1) Please wear a mask during the entire Mass.
- Please practice social distancing when seated in church; when processing to and from Holy Communion; and when entering and leaving the church.
- 3) Sanitize your hands when entering the church.
- Keep your hands completely flat when receiving Communion.

You can enter on the east <u>or</u> west side of the church. The greeter will still assist you when you enter and an usher will take you to your assigned pew.

Please note that Bishop Paprocki has extended the dispensation for attending Mass until further notice.

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

Readings for the Week

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

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

Friday, Jan. 8: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16 **Saturday, Jan. 9:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, Jan. 10: Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Mass Intentions

The (†) symbol is a common way of designating the faithful departed in writing. When a loved one passes from this life to the next, we commend them to the mercy of God. This "cross" is a simple reminder of our faith in Christ, who reminds us that He is the "resurrection and the life;" and that "whoever believes in [Him], even if he dies, will live" (Jn. 11:25). It is commonly placed at the beginning of the person's name.

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, January 4

8:30am: In thanksgiving

Tuesday, January 5

8:30am: †Ronald Buening

Wednesday, January 6

8:30am: Steve Pemberton Family

Thursday, January 7 8:30am: †Rich Rieman

Friday, January 8

8:30am: †Alana Guarnotta

Saturday, January 9

4:00pm: †Janet Stein

Sunday, January 10 8:30am: †Dick Deibel

10:30am: For Our Parishioners

7:00pm Spanish Mass: †Dorothy Bushur

Sacred Heart Parish Christmas



Grateful? Hearings As we celebrated our first Christmas in the church following our restoration, I want to share some pictures. As many watched online, the livestream doesn't capture the beauty of our church during this Christmas season. I want to thank everyone for wearing a mask, following the social distancing guidelines, and your patience. Wishing you and your family a blessed new year!!





Sacred Heart Parish Christmas



Thank you to everyone who brought ornaments for our Christmas tree in the church narthex. We had over 70 church and school families bring ornaments that varied from handmade to family heirlooms.

Congratulations to the Craig and Gabrielle Minor family whose name was drawn for bringing in an ornament. They won a sleigh full of gifts that were donated by the CCW, Booster Club, and PTA organizations.



May the New Year bring joy, peace, and happiness to you and your family!



Community News

A Natural Family Planning Workshop will be held via web conferencing, on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021, from 9:00am-10:30am. For more information or to register, call/text Kate Pruemer at 217.821.1840 or email her at kpruemer@gmail.com.

Pre-Cana Workshops are being offered in the area:

- St. Francis, Teutopolis, Sunday, Jan. 31
 Call 217.857.6404 to register
- St. Mary, Ste. Marie, Saturday, March 13
 Call 618.455.3155 to register

Additional dates are available on the diocesan website at www.dio.org under vocation services, marriage and family life, or contact the parish office at 347.7177.

SonRise is men helping other men learn, listen, hear, act, and grow in faith to build their relationship with God and



each other. For one hour a week, men from multiple parishes across Effingham County gather via the Internet. Each week, a speaker from *That Man Is You*, produced by Paradises Dei is broadcast and viewed together via Zoom at 6:30am, followed by discussion, and concluding at 7:30am. Become a better son, brother, husband and father, beginning with your relationship with God. *From the safety and comfort of your home or office, JOIN US on Fridays.* Contact Glenn Pankonen, gpankonen@gmail.com or Dan Woods, danwoodsfache@gmail.com to register. There is no charge, so bring a friend!



The annual Luminaries for Life will take place on Jan. 16 & 17. 2021 will mark 48 years since Roe vs Wade legalized abortions in our country. Please take some time to drive by and see the lights illuminated in the dark drawing attention to the millions of lives lost due to abortion. St. Anthony Grade and High School and PSR

students decorate the bags with images of beautiful babies and slogans such as "From the womb to the tomb", "It's a child not a choice", and "God chose me". Bring this message of life to your family by visiting this beautiful public display for life.



The annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be Sunday, Jan. 10, from 7:00am to 12:30pm. This will be a "drive-thru" breakfast of whole hog sausage and eggs at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall, 210 S. Pearl

Street, Teutopolis. Free-will donation. Volunteers are needed for set up on Jan. 9, beginning at 8:00am and Jan. 10 starting at 7:00am at the Banquet Hall. Please call Susan at 217.663.2084 or send an email to ninevogt@yahoo.com. This is the primary fundraiser for Effingham Area Right to Life.

Due to Covid, the March for Life pilgrimage will look a little different this year. The March for Life, under the direction of Tony Cerveny (Director of Youth and Sports



Ministry) and Sister M. Veritas, FSGM (Director of Youth and Women's Ministry), will be heading to Washington, DC, on January 28-29, 2021. Teens accompanied by parents/guardians and family members are invited. Transportation will be on your own. A block of rooms have been reserved at Crystal Gateway Marriott in D. C. Please call 703.920.3230 to reserve - \$129 per night. This includes two meals, 2 nights of programming and a special Mass with Bishop Paprocki. Any questions, email Sr. M. Veritas at vwilks@dio.org or Tony at tcerveny@dio.org.



January 22 is "A Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children", in remembrance of the Roe v. Wade abortion decision. We are asked to observe a day of

penitential prayer and fasting. St. Francis Church will have a special vigil Pro-life Mass at 7:00pm, on Thursday, Jan. 21. Exposition will be in the chapel after the Friday, Jan. 22, 8:00am Mass with closing Benediction at 4:30pm. The chapel is in the northeast part of the church east of the main altar.

The 9 Days for Life novena for the protection of human life is Jan. 21-29. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.



Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!

Parish News



Our Diocese presented a new structure called "TITHING" and no longer "ACSA". The amount we are expected to tithe for 2020-2021 is \$67,350. You can put your check

payable to "DIOCESE PARISH TITHE" with "Sacred Heart" in the memo and place it in the collection basket. We will mail it for you. Any questions, please call Mark Volk or Billi Jansen at the parish office at 347.7177.

Catholic Times

Over the past year, the coronavirus pandemic has magnified the importance of communication. Catholic Times has reported critical information on the reopening of the public celebration of Mass, updates on how our schools would reopen safely, and articles on how to respond to the stress of the pandemic. There has been a greater emphasis highlighting an educational format about our faith through the "Hey, Father!" series and inspiring stories for a spiritual boost.

Catholic Times is available to each parish family either online (ct.dio.org) or by mail. Your donation in the envelope provided in your January packet offsets the cost of receiving the subscription. This is an inexpensive source of information on the vital issues that face our parish, our diocese, and people around the world. Any questions, please call the parish office at 347.7177.

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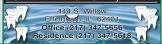
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