



Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024



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This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the Magi, also known as the Three Kings or Three Wise Men, when they followed a star and visited baby Jesus after He had been born. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. In recognition of the Epiphany and as you remember the Three Kings' visit to the home of Jesus, take the time to bless your own home! Epiphany Home Blessing packages are available in the narthex.

Epiphany Home Blessing

Gather your family inside the front door.

With a piece of chalk (available in the church narthex), inscribe the following message on the molding of the door: 20+C+M+B+24.

The number of the new year is split at the beginning and the end.

The initials C, M, and B can represent the Three Kings (Caspar,
Melchior, and Balthasar). The initials C, M, and B also stand
for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat", which translates to

"May God Bless Our Home".



All servers are asked to attend the server meeting on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:32pm in church. We will start preparations for Lent and Easter. Any questions, please call Fr. Michal at the parish office or email Shauna Albert at s.albert@sheff.org.

With the new year, comes the opportunity for a fresh start and a more intentional focus on your relationship with God, our Heavenly Father, and with Jesus, our Savior. We have many opportunities to strengthen your faith life! Here are just a few:

- * Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3:15pm Monday-Friday, 3:00pm Saturdays in church
- * Praying the Rosary: 9:00am on Fridays, in church
- * Book Study Group: Tuesdays at 9:15am & 6:30pm in church narthex (contact Michelle Kruger for details: 217-342-5477)
- * Men's Prayer Group: Thursdays at 7:00pm in church narthex (contact Tom Purcell for details: 217-821-7077)

It is the Catholic tradition of pastoral visits to parishioners' homes, taking place after Christmas. During a visit, a priest prays and talks with the family, and blesses the house. Fr. Michal would like to visit all of you every year, if possible. These visits can be only 10 minutes or could include a longer visit, whatever works for your family. Please call our parish office or talk to him after Mass and schedule a date for a visit.

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

~ 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, Lucinda Herboth

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday, January 8

Boys' BB Home vs. ALIS 6:00pm

 $-8 \mathrm{th}$ Grade Recognition Night & Cheer Camp Performance

Tuesday, January 9

Meyer Twins Art 3:00-5:00pm;

Boys' BB at Effingham Jr High 6:00pm;

Boys' 5th/6th BB Home vs. North Clay 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 10

K-8 attending Matt Willhelm Assembly at St. Anthony HS

Thursday, January 11

VB Home vs. Newton St. Thomas 4:00pm, C match following

Friday, January 12

VB at South Central 4:30pm, C match at 3:45pm

Friday, January 12-Thursday, January 18

8th Grade Boys' BB NTC at St. Elmo

Saturday, January 13

Boys' 5th/6th BB at Stew-Stras Tournament 9:00am

SACRED HEART CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 7

RCIA 11:30am

Monday, January 8

Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-8:00pm;

Reconciliation 7:00-8:00pm

Tuesday, January 9

Study Group in church narthex 9:15am & 6:30pm;

Servers meeting in church 6:32pm

Wednesday, January 10

PSR Class in Sacred Heart School 6:30pm

Thursday, January 11

Men's Prayer Group in church narthex 7:00pm

Friday, January 12

Pray the Rosary in the church 9:00am

Saturday, January 13

Rosary Making in the church narthex 9:00am

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, February 18: Father Daughter Dance **Sunday, February 25:** Mother Son Event



Please join us in praying for the friends and family of our SHS alumni who passed away in 2023. If we have missed anyone for this list, please contact the parish office to let us know. Thank you.

†Doug Althoff, Class of 1967 - 1/12/23

†Anne Spence Bourgeois, Class of 1950 - 6/26/23

†Thomas McDevitt, Class of 1948 - 7/8/23

†Joyce Hakman Habing, Class of 1951 - 9/20/23

†Gail Lilley James, Class of 1967 - 9/30/23

†Pat Koester Braun, Class of 1951 - 7/27/23

†Jeannie Stuckey Ludwig, Class of 1947 - 9/6/23

†Debi Lystila Linder, Class of 1978 - 10/9/23

†Jerry Moon, Class of 1956 - 10/27/23

†Gary Cornell, Class of 1969 - 12/1/23

†Jack Schoenhoff, Class of 1946 - 12/14/23

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Once A Shamrock, Always A Shamrock

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, January 8

8:30am: †Rockney Weber, †Rich Rieman

Tuesday, January 9

8:30am: †Leroy & †MaryAnn Borries

Wednesday, January 10 8:30am: †Dorothy Kade

Thursday, January 11

8:30am: †Emma Lu Podrasky

Friday, January 12

8:30am: †Gertrude Alldredge

Saturday, January 13 4:00pm: †Doug Althoff

Sunday, January 14

8:30am: For Our Parishioners **10:30am:** †Evan Willenborg



Congratulations to all of the Space Camp Count Down to Christmas winners! Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. Our students appreciate your support!

- 1. Two Tickets to the Little Theatre: Diane Kreke
- 2. \$50 Cash: Garrett Wendte
- 3. \$100 to Modern Family Dinners: Glenn & Kate Wilde
- 4. Sacred Heart Picnic Pack: Sam Jansen
- 5. Tickets to Buckets N' Boards at EPC: Jeff McDevitt
- 6. Fast Food Gift Card Package: Bonnie Porter
- 7. Weber's Jewelry Diamond Earrings: Kathy & Kevin Utz
- 8. Nativity Set: Sabrina Hutton
- 9. Kirby Foods Gift Certificate: Carla Kruger
- 10. \$50 Cash: Stacy Field
- 11. \$50 Gift Certificate Firefly Grill: Tom & Lucy Hewing
- 12. \$100 Cash: Ehren Dodson
- 13. White Elephant (Burrito Blanket & Puerto Vallarta Gift Card): Patricia Gebben
- 14. \$50 Cash: Traci Chojnicki
- 15. Fairfield Inn Package: David Traub
- 16. \$50 Cash: Katie Hinton
- 17. JaFa Photo Package: Gary Bohnhoff
- 18. \$100 Cash: Vicki Walker
- 19. Accuracy Firearms Range & Gift Card: Amanda Haynes
- 20. Car Care Pack & Quik Trip Gift Card: Catelynn Vail
- 21. Top Shelf Gift Certificate: Monica Young
- 22. \$250 Cash: Mark Thies
- 23. FS Fast Stop Gift Card: Janelle Schuette
- 24. \$250 Cash: Sally Donsbach
- 25. \$500 Cash: Holly & Ryan Finney

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Envelopes: \$ 18,088.00 Loose Collection: \$ 1,224.00 Total: \$ 19,312.00

"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

All Sacred Women CCW women are invited to a casserole supper and fellowship at St. Mary's Church in Shumway on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30pm.

The Effingham Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest is Sunday, January 28. Registration is 12:00 - 12:30 with the free throw shoot starting at 12:30pm at the St. Anthony High School Enlow Center. ALL boys and girls ages 9-14 (age as of January 1) are invited and welcome to participate. The winners will go on to the District Free Throw Contest in February. Questions, please contact Greg Koester at (217) 821-7731.

Come learn how to make rosaries for the Catholic Missions! This is an excellent way to spread devotion to Jesus and His Blessed Mother throughout the world. Our next rosary making day will be on Saturday, January 13 at 9:00am in the church narthex.

You are invited to an Ireland Pilgrimage with Fr. Michal from April 18-28. Reserve your spot today!





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