



SACRED HEART

Catholic Parish

The Epiphany of the Lord

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A note from Fr. Michal

Epiphany is a special date in the Christmas story as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three Kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after He had been born. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations.

HOME BLESSING - Happy Epiphany to you!

On this day, as you remember the Three Kings' visit to the home of Jesus, take the time to bless your own home. Gather your family inside the front door. With a piece of chalk (available in the church narthex), have a member of your family inscribe the moulding: **20+C+M+B+23**

The number of the New Year is split at the beginning and the end. The initials C, M, and B 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."



A servers meeting is Tuesday, January 10, at 5:31pm, in the church. We will start preparations for Lent and Easter. All servers are asked to attend. Any questions, please call Fr. Michal at the parish office or email Shauna Albert at s.albert@sheff.org.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, at 6:30pm, in the church narthex. If you have any items for discussion, please email parishcouncil@sheff.org and it will be added to the agenda.



Join Father Michal Rosa on a Pilgrimage to Poland

May 21 - June 2, 2023

\$4,100/person - includes flight tickets, all 12 overnight accommodations, all meals, local tour guides, destination tickets, & more!

Contact the Sacred Heart Parish office in Effingham
for more information! 217-347-7177

- Trip Highlights:**
- ++ 13 day pilgrimage across Poland
 - ++ Spiritual enrichment: daily Mass & stops at many holy locations
 - ++ Beautiful scenery, local shopping and sight-seeing
 - ++ Guided tour of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
 - ++ Visit to Fr. Michal's hometown of Tarnów
 - ++ Travel from Kasprowy Wierch at 6,500 feet ABOVE sea level down to 1,073 feet BELOW sea level at Wieliczka Salt Mine
 - ++ Three traditional Polish feasts with regional food and music

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

Sacred Heart School Calendar

Monday, January 9

6:00pm: Boys Basketball @ Altamont Lutheran

Tuesday, January 10

6:00pm: Boys Basketball vs. Effingham
@ home (8th grade night)

Thursday, January 12

4:00pm: Volleyball @ Newton St. Thomas
6:00pm: Boys Basketball vs. Neoga @ home

Friday, January 13

4:30pm: Volleyball vs. South Central @ home
Friday, January 13 & Saturday, January 14
Boys Basketball 8th Grade NTC Tourn. @ Brownstown

Please join us on Tuesday, January 10, for our "8th Grade Night for Boys Basketball" as we face off against the Effingham Mustangs. Let's pack the gym with green for this big game! All SHS students who come in a green shamrock shirt will receive free admission!

We are in need of a chairperson(s) for the Flea Market at our annual picnic. If we do not have someone step up to chair this event, we will have to eliminate the Flea Market from the picnic. Our picnic is June 24-25, so please consider being a Flea Market chairperson.

Assistant Track Coach Needed! SHS's track coach, Chuck Keller Jr., is in need of an assistant. Responsibilities include assisting at practices and track meets. Last year, our track team had great success with five students qualifying for the state meet. We hope to repeat and grow this accomplishment in the spring! Come be a part of this success and join the team as assistant coach! This position is paid via a stipend at the end of the season. Please contact Amy West at athletics@sheff.org if you are interested!

Tickets Now Available In Sacred Heart Parish Office



St. Pat's Bash
Saturday, March 18, 2023
Effingham Event Center

Live Auction • Silent Auction • 50/50 Drawing • Raffle
A Community Event... Everyone is Welcome!

\$50 Per Person
Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School

5:15pm - Doors Open
5:45pm - Dinner: Ochs Street Smoked Meats
Pork Loin, Smoked Garlic Chicken,
Twice Baked Potato Casserole, Sweet Ranch Carrots, Salad, Rolls
7:00pm - Entertainment: Windy City Dueling Pianos

Tickets are available in the church office. If a group of eight tickets is purchased together, we will reserve a table for eight. There will only be 400 tickets sold.

~ Prayer List ~

Mike Nolan, Bonnie Nuxoll Kinney,
Tom Hewing, Barbara Hoefft,
Britney (Walters) Chester



Banns of Marriage

(III) Marranda Steffen & Dakota Kincaid

Rest in Peace

Our sympathy to the family and friends of
†Patricia Ketteaman, †Kenneth L. Kramer, II



Sacred Heart Church Calendar

Tuesday, January 10

9:15am: Small Group Fellowship @ Church Narthex
5:31pm: Servers Meeting @ Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday, January 11

6:30pm: PSR Classes @ Sacred Heart School

Sunday, January 15

11:30am: Symbolon Class @ Church Narthex

The next Natural Family Planning class will be on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 1:30-3:00pm, on WebEx. To register, call Kate Pruemer at 217.821.1840 or email kpruemer@gmail.com.



Our Young Hearts Potluck will be Tuesday, January 17, at noon, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Meat is furnished, so just bring your favorite side dish and enjoy the fellowship.

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, January 9

8:30am: †Rich Rieman, †Brian A. Niebrugge

Tuesday, January 10

8:30am: †Louise Rose Nuxoll

Wednesday, January 11

8:30am: †Nellie Donsbach

Thursday, January 12

8:30am: †Charles & †Agnes Bushue

Friday, January 13

8:30am: †Dolores Kingery

Saturday, January 14

4:00pm: For Our Parishioners

Sunday, January 15

8:30am: †Margaret Metz
10:30am: †Fred Schaefer

The Council of Catholic Women from St. Mary's Church in Shumway invites Sacred Heart CCW to a 6:30pm prayer service followed by a casserole and dessert dinner on Tuesday, January 10. 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.

Kate Weber's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 12, at St Anthony Parish Center. They will be studying "Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John." The morning session will start at 9:15am and the evening session will start at 6:30pm. To register, call 217.347.7129. Any questions, contact Kate Weber at 217.821.3003 or kateweber51@gmail.com.

The Annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be Sunday, Jan. 15, from 7:00am until noon, at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Enjoy a whole hog sausage & egg breakfast for a free-will donation. Dine in or carry out is being offered. There will be 50/50 raffle baskets for all ages. To volunteer, call or text Susan Vogt at 217.663.2084.



"Luminaries for Life" will be on display at Sacred Heart Church on the weekend of January 21-22. Students from Sacred Heart School and PSR classes will create the luminaries. It is a blessing that *Roe v Wade* overturned, but we still need to pray for respect of all life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Envelopes:	\$ 18,428.00
Loose Collection	\$ 1,119.00
Total:	\$ 19,547.00

*"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

Sacred Heart Parish Year End Tax Information . . .

- ◆ Year-end tax information for contributions and donations made to the church will be sent via mail the week of January 13, 2023.
- ◆ Year-end tax information for SHS K-8 school tuition will be sent home with your child (paper form) on Thursday, January 19, 2023.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI passed away on December 31. He was an authentic example of faithfulness to God and Catholicism, living and preaching the Gospel message with truth and passion.

His reverence toward the Eucharist, the Mass, and the sacraments are examples for us today on how we should all view and respect these treasures of the Catholic faith. His steadfast defense of our faith's teachings and traditions is the mark of a true leader. Please continue to pray for him.



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