

The Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022



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Message from Fr. Michal . . .

This Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. In addition to remembering this historical event, we



also are asked to call to mind our own baptism. Our baptism isn't just an event from the past, but a present reality that impacts every aspect of our lives. Each sacrament we receive references back to our baptism.



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.

After the final blessing at Mass, we recite the Prayer to St. Michael. During that prayer, I ask you to direct your attention to the icon of St. Michael on the east side of church. St. Michael is the patron saint of police, military, and firemen and a spiritual warrior in the battle of good versus evil.



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.

During a visit, a priest prays with the family, blesses the house, and spends a short time with the family. So, please call our parish office or talk to me after Mass and schedule a date for a short visit.

In the Church Narthex, there is small tree with informational cards on our Diocesan seminarians. The cards include their birthday, home parish, and address in the seminary. Please take a card home, pray for them, and correspond with them throughout the year. They are our future for the Catholic Church and appreciate hearing words of encouragement as they continue their studies.

Bishop Paprocki will visit Sacred Heart Parish in February for our parish visit. During this visit, he will join us for a celebration of Mass on Saturday, February 12, at 4:00pm, and on Sunday, February 13, at 8:30am. He will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion for Sacred Heart Parish third grade students at Sacred Heart Church, on Sunday, February 13, at 10:30am. The Bishop plans to conclude his Parish Pastoral Visit with a joint meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Council, and the School Board. This meeting will begin at 1:30pm.

Parish News



January is designated as Right to Life month. Luminaries bring the message to our community to respect life from the moment of conception to natural death. Our Sacred Heart School and PSR students will be making the luminaries with a Pro-Life message to be displayed the weekend of Jan 22-23. *Please pray for life!*

New Families

Kristopher & Brittany Denton Jason & Brandy Shirley

Welcome Our Newly Baptized

Ainsley Johanna V. Adeline Nicole S. Luke Allen S. Addison Nicole O.



If you are a member of the parish and need to make an address, email, or phone number change, send an email to shchurch@sheff.org. We send updates and the bulletin via Constant Contact each week to parishioners.

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Parish. The website has many programs, videos, and resources, for your personal use. Go to Formed.org to sign up if you have not already. There are several podcasts and speakers regarding baptism, including *Reborn*.



Reborn explores the deeply personal power of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptized. Rendered with a cinematic beauty that's become the hallmark of the Augustine Institute's film productions, Reborn presents the foundation of the Church's teaching on Baptism, with a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself, including its profound place in Scripture and Tradition.

Liturgical Ministers for January 15-16, 2021			
Ministry	4:00pm Mass	8:30am Mass	10:30am Mass
Sacristan	Carol Rohr Carol Toney	Bob & Laurel McIvor	Tom Palmer
Lector	Madalynn Bond	Kevin Perkins	Cindy Goddard
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Greeter	Mel & Elaine Stock	Bob & Tammy Lakin	Vicki Wenthe
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Servers	Ava D. / Aidan G. Dani G. / Mara B.	Philip G. / Olivia G. Colton M. / Logan M.	Jackson L. / Joey L. Logan R.

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, Sarah Taylor, Cassie Worman, Linda Nolan, Sr. Ann Fearday, Sharon Ghast, Joe Donnelley, Mary Jane Behrman, 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, Pat Kuhns



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.

Our Young Hearts Potluck will be on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at noon, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Meat will be furnished. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Please join us for lunch and fellowship!





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.

Come and pray at Sacred Heart Church . . .

- * Morning prayers, including psalms, at 7:45am, from Sunday through Thursday
- * The Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:15pm every day

Sacred Heart Parish Calendar

Wednesday, January 12

5:30pm: Finance Council @ Church Office 6:30pm: PSR Classes @ Sacred Heart School

Thursday, January 13

5:30pm: Liturgy Committee Meeting @ Church Narthex 7:00pm: Parish Council Meeting @ Church Narthex

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.

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.

Readings for the Week

Monday, Jan. 10: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday, Jan. 11: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, Jan. 12: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, Jan. 13: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45 Friday, Jan. 14: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, Jan. 15: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17 **Sunday, Jan. 16:** Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, January 10

8:30am: †Leroy Wente, †Everett M. Bailey, †Richard &

†Madelyn Koester

Tuesday, January 11

8:30am: †Harry & †Susan Schmidt

Wednesday, January 12 8:30am: †Christopher Thies

Thursday, January 13 8:30am: †Kevin Wente

Friday, January 14

No Mass

Saturday, January 15

4:00pm: For Our Parishioners

Sunday, January 16 8:30am: †Edwin Mattix 10:30am: †Nettie Willenborg

7:00pm Spanish Mass: In Thanksgiving

Sacred Heart School Scrip Program

Go Shopping with SCRIP Cards and Earn

> Tuition Credit for Your Family <</p> > Cash for Sacred Heart School <</p>

What are SCRIP Cards:

SCRIP cards are retailer gift cards you can purchase and use, just like cash, to buy items you need or want. There are MANY SCRIP cards to choose from - including national retailers, as well as local stores and businesses! Use them for special purchases/gifts or simply for everyday purchases like groceries or gas.

How the school earns money & school families get tuition credit:

You purchase the SCRIP card at face value, and a percentage of the purchase amount goes back to Sacred Heart School. School families can sign up to receive a portion of the school percentage as a K-8 tuition credit. It's no extra cost to you, and in return, both you and the school receive money back for purchases you make ... it's a win-win! The more SCRIP cards you buy, the greater your tuition credit (and the more money raised for the school)!

- Getting Started

Step One - Set Up Your Account:

To sign up for the SCRIP tuition credit, email shscrip@sheff.org. There is a simple form you must fill out and turn in. Depending on how you plan to purchase SCRIP cards, you may also need to download and set up the RaiseRight app on your smartphone.

Step Two - Purchase SCRIP Cards:

There are several options for how to purchase and use a SCRIP card:

Physical Card - Purchase a physical card to swipe at the store when buying your needed items.

Purchase in-person:

- 1. In the Sacred Heart Parish office.
- 2. In the church narthex after weekend Masses on the first full weekend and third weekend each month.
- 3. Fill out a check and order form (available on the back of this sheet and at www.sheff.org under the Giving tab); send both in to school with your child. We will fill the order and send it back home with your child.

Purchase online:

- 1. Online through the SCRIP RaiseRight app.
- 2. Cards purchased online can be shipped to the school (for you to pick up) or directly to your home.

Reload:

1. Some physical cards can be reloaded so you can keep re-using the same card. Reload your physical SCRIP card through the RaiseRight app.

Electronic Card - Purchase an electronic card which delivers a bar code directly to your smart phone.

Purchase online:

1. Online through the SCRIP RaiseRight app.

Step Three - Start Building Your Tuition Credit:

Each SCRIP purchase you make counts toward your SCRIP K-8 tuition credit. SCRIP tuition credits accumulate over the course of a calendar year. Credit from the previous year is paid out to families in February and can be redeemed then or carried over to the following school year.

SCRIP credit cannot be refunded. Any remaining credit after your last child graduates will be transferred to the school account.

Join our school SCRIP Facebook page "Sacred Heart Scrip" for SCRIP updates & news.

Visit www.sheff.org to download a complete listing of available SCRIP Cards.

If you have any questions about the SCRIP program, please email shscrip@sheff.org.

Sacred Heart School



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.

PACK THE GYM EIGHTH GRADE NIGHT:

Our boys' basketball team plays their last home game on Monday, Jan. 10, against Altamont Lutheran. The seventh grade game is at 6:00pm followed by the eighth



grade game. Our eighth grade basketball players and cheerleaders will be recognized, along with their parents, during intermission between the two games. Let's show our Shamrock Spirit and PACK THE GYM! All SHS students wearing a GREEN shirt will receive free admission. We hope to see a lot of green and a lot of school spirit. Come cheer on the Shamrocks to victory!

Join us for Mass on Wednesdays at 8:30am. Our students and teachers participate in the ministries and it is a special time for our school to come together to pray.

School News . . .

It was great to see the students returning after the Christmas break. We are gearing up for a busy month with Catholic Schools Week kicking off on Sunday, Jan. 30, and our volleyball, 5th & 6th grade



basketball, and Scholar Bowl seasons starting. Please watch the green note and calendar for updated information. Just a reminder that school is not in session on Friday, Jan. 14, (teacher institute) and Monday, Jan. 17, (Martin Luther King holiday). Clubhouse will be open on Friday, Jan. 14.

Sacred Heart School Calendar

Monday, January 10

6:00pm: Boys' Basketball vs Altamont Lutheran @ home Tuesday, January 11

3:00pm: After School Art Class @ SHS

6:00pm: 5th/6th Basketball vs. North Clay @ home

Wednesday, January 12

6:30pm: PTA Meeting @ Effingham Event Center

6:30pm: Empower Illinois Scholarship reservation opens

Thursday, January 13

4:00pm: Volleyball vs. Newton St. Thomas @ home 6:00pm: 7th/8th Boys Basketball @ Neoga Jr./ Sr. High Friday, January 14

No School (Teacher Institute) - Clubhouse is open 4:30pm: Volleyball @ South Central Middle School Boys' 8th Grade Basketball NTC Tournament

@ St. Elmo Jr./Sr. High School (TBD)

Saturday, January 15

Boys' 8th Grade Basketball NTC Tournament continues 9:00am: 5th/6th Stew-Stras Tournament

@ Stew-Stras Jr./Sr. High School



Community News

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.

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.

Additional Pre-Cana workshops for the Diocese of Springfield are listed at www.dio.org.



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.org by Jan. 17. For more information, call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314.649.7317.

The Family Life Committee invites you to their annual Cash Bingo Night on Friday, Jan. 14, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, at St. Mary's Parish Center, Ste. Marie.



\$100 for each blackout game. They will be selling drinks and providing free popcorn.



St. Thomas Church in Newton would like to invite you to their annual Wine Tasting event, hosted by their Angel's group, on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 5:30pm, at the

Newton K of C Hall! There will be a quilt raffle, as well as an auction of various baskets at 8:00pm. Admission is \$10 per person. Come out and enjoy wines from around the world, specialty drinks, and delicious hors d'oeuvres!

St. Thomas School presents the 3rd annual Trivia Night & Live Auction on Saturday, Feb. 19, 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.

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.



The Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life will be at St. Michael Church in Sigel on Monday, Jan. 17. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00pm. Fr. James Flach will be the

celebrant for the 6:30pm Mass. The business meeting & refreshments will follow in their grade school.

A Diocesan-wide Pro-Life Mass with Bishop Paprocki and March for Life will be held on Friday, Jan. 21, 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 in the Narthex. 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.

Knights of Columbus



Effingham Knights of Columbus . . .

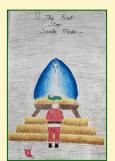
The K of C Free Throw Contest will be held on Sunday, Jan. 23. The doors open and registration will be from noon to 12:15pm

with the free throw shoot starting at 12:20pm at the Enlow Center at St. Anthony High School. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (age as of Jan. 1) are welcome to compete. The winners will go on to the District Free Throw contest in February.

Youth Activities Raffle Fundraiser is underway. The first prize winner will be \$550 in Scrip Gift Cards and the second prize is \$250 in Scrip cards. You pick the cards you want! Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be on April 1, at 7:00pm. It is a great way to support the Knights of Columbus youth program.

If you are interested in raffle tickets or information on the free throw contest, please call Greg Koester at 217.821.7731.

Thank you to all the students who submitted a poster for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Below are two of the submitted entries.





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> 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. Over the past year, Catholic Times has continued its emphasis on catechesis of the Catholic faith such as their Hey, Father! Series, a special edition dedicated to the sacraments and articles from the parishes. Please support this by your donation.

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy, even if it is in the past, individuals are encouraged to call the Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number 217.321.1155. Individuals may also contact the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE, or contact your local police authority.





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