



SACRED HEART Catholic Parish

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024**



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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick is often associated with Ireland, however, he was actually born in Roman Britain. He was captured by Irish pirates when he was around 14 years old and was taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. He escaped around the age of 20 and went back to his family in Britain. He went on to become a priest and then a bishop before going back to Ireland to share the Gospel. He preached and ministered all over Ireland for the next 40 years before dying on March 17, 461.

St. Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man who is most known for using the image of the shamrock to illustrate the Trinity—with the three leaves of the shamrock representing God in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. St. Patrick's imagery of the shamrock is what inspired it as the choice for our school mascot! We are thankful to have this daily reminder of God's love and His presence with us.

This coming Tuesday (March 19) is the Illinois Primary Voting Day. Knowing that so many men and women sacrificed their lives for us to have the right to vote, we urge each of you to exercise this right and go to the polls to vote. When deciding who you

will vote for, please study the candidates and vote for those *who support and defend our Catholic values*. Our voices will be heard if we show up at the polls and vote in unison. To help with your research, a generous parishioner has provided Illinois Primary Voter Guides to show where the candidates stand on various topics and how they have voted in the past. These guides are inserted in this weekend's bulletin and can also be found online at illinoisfamily.org/2024voterguide. God Bless America!



Thanks to everyone who joined us for the Lenten Retreat. It was a wonderful, faith-filled evening. Fr. Juan Carlos shared a powerful message about identifying the devil in our lives and how we can work to

remove his presence and influence. If you missed the Retreat, you can view it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hHxJ0wp47o>

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

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday, March 18

Gr. 8 Placement Assessments at St. Anthony High School;
Scholar Bowl Home vs. Sigel & Stew-Stras 4:00pm

Wednesday, March 20

Second Grade First Reconciliation in church 6:30pm

Thursday, March 21

Scholar Bowl Home vs. Brownstown & Neoga 4:00pm;
K/1 Read Night in parish center 6:30pm

Friday, March 22

Stations of the Cross 9:15am;
Living Stations of the Cross in church 5:30pm

SACRED HEART CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17

RCIA 9:30am & 11:30am;

Monday, March 18

Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-8:00pm;
Pray the Rosary in the church 9:00am;
Reconciliation 7:00-8:00pm

Tuesday, March 19

Study Group in church narthex 9:15am;
Young Hearts Potluck in parish center 12:00pm;
Study Group in church narthex 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 20

Parish Choir Practice 5:00pm;
First Reconciliation SHS & PSR 6:30pm;
PSR Classes at Sacred Heart School 6:30pm;
Divorce Recovery Group 7:00pm

Thursday, March 21

Resurrection Choir Practice 9:15am;
Men's Prayer Group in church narthex 7:00pm

Friday, March 22

Stations of the Cross in church 9:15am (SHS Students)
Living Stations of the Cross in church 5:30pm (SHS Students)



**Sacred Heart
Council of Catholic Women**
would like to invite
all ladies of the parish to our
Annual Salad Supper
on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 6:00pm,
at the Sacred Heart Parish Center.
*Sacred Heart ladies are asked to bring
a salad and/or a dessert.*

Prayer List

Pat Prichard, Britney (Walters) Chester, Barb Hoefft,
Carolyn Ordner, Tom Hewing, Bill Foreman,
Jackson Gaitros, Mindy Reardon, Avery Gardewine
Braunecker, Holly Althoff Newburn, Dawson Althoff,
Bill Frese, Linda Frese, Sister Pat Thies, Lucinda Herboth,
David Dow, Cindy Rogger, Bill Weis

Our parish has been invited to begin a ministry at Willowbrook of Effingham. We are looking to form a group of people who will visit Willowbrook once a month to spend time with the residents. The time spent with the residents can be one-on-one activities (such as cards, puzzles, or reading to them), or can be group activities (such as bingo or crafts). Please contact the parish office if you are interested in this new outreach opportunity!



Please join us! The monthly Young Hearts Potluck is this Tuesday (March 19) at noon in the parish center. The parish will provide Niemerg's fried chicken. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Please come and enjoy the food and fellowship!

Please complete a census card and place it in the collection basket in the narthex. Thank you!

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, March 18

8:30am: †Bob Buening

Tuesday, March 19

8:30am: †Edward Ungrund

Wednesday, March 20

8:30am: †Louis & †Leila Volk

Thursday, March 21

8:30am: †Jonny Stumeier

Friday, March 22

8:30am:

Saturday, March 23

4:00pm: †Dolores Kingery

Sunday, March 24

8:30am: †Joyce Habing

10:30am: For Our Parishioners

7:00pm: La Misa en Español

Join Us For Holy Week!

Holy Thursday, March 28:

Mass at 6:30pm;
Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00pm

Good Friday, March 29:

Stations of the Cross at 12:10pm;
Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:15pm;
Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross at 6:30pm

Holy Saturday, March 30:

Blessing of Easter Baskets at 8:30am in the narthex;
Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, March 31:

Mass at 8:30am & 10:30am

Illinois Right to Life Advocacy Update

Thursday, March 21 at 6:30pm

Effingham Event Center, 1501 W. Fayette Avenue

Join us as we welcome Joliet, IL native, Mary Kate Zander, the executive director of Illinois Right to Life. Mary Kate is deeply passionate about the protection of life, women's health, and the defense of society's most vulnerable members, leveraging numerous years of experience in political communications and state government to excel in her role. During this Advocacy Update, Mary Kate will share:

- How/why Illinois abortion tourism is growing
- What current Illinois abortion laws allow
- How we can impact life in Illinois

Learn more about this and other important life issues on facebook at "Effingham Area Right to Life" page.

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Envelopes:	\$ 7,482.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 1,115.25
Total:	\$ 8,597.25

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."
(1Peter 4:10)*

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with Sacred Heart Parish**



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1 THROUGH 31**

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Sunday, March 24 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Parish Center 405 S. Henrietta

Appointments required.

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or go to [bloodcenter.org/group, grp #70742](http://bloodcenter.org/group,grp#70742)



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