

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023



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A note from Fr. Michal . . .

I want to thank Fr. John Titus for a great Lenten Retreat. He shared that we should never be surprised how God is working in our lives and how to be the light of Jesus Christ to others.





Please pray for our RCIA Elect who are preparing to enter the church at the Easter vigil.

Adoration will be at Sacred Heart Church on Monday, March 27, from 9:00am until 8:00pm. You can sign up in the church narthex to join us in prayer. Our choir will be singing at Adoration each Monday during Lent from 5:00pm until 6:00pm. The Spanish group will lead at 6:30pm. Reconciliation is available from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.





The Baptism of Christ is a famous 1472 painting by Andrea del Verroccio, Leonardo da Vinci's master. Leonardo da Vinci helped with several aspects of the painting, including the blonde angel on the left and the landscape in the background. It is his involvement that helps make this work famous. Baptism of Christ portrays St. John the Baptist at the time of Jesus' baptism with two angels on the left side holding Jesus' clothes. God's extended arms are shown with golden rays,

accompanied by a dove whose wings are spread. On top of St. John the Baptist's and Jesus' heads are halos. The monks of the San Salvi Church, located near Florence, Italy, commissioned the painting and it remained there until 1530. Present day the original painting is located at the Academy of Florence, an art museum in Florence, Italy. If you would like more information about this painting, please visit https://www.thehistoryofart.org/andrea-del-verrocchio/baptism-of-christ/

Triduum Sacrum

Holy Thursday: Thursday, April 6

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

Good Friday: Friday, April 7 Stations of the Cross: 12:10pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy: 6:30pm Holy Saturday: Saturday, April 8

Blessing of Easter Baskets: 8:30am in the church narthex

Easter Vigil: 8:00pm

Easter: Sunday, April 9

Easter Mass: 8:30am & 10:30am



An envelope for Easter flowers is in your March packet. Please put your donation in that envelope or in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and write who the flowers are in memory of.

Please return envelope by March 31.

Banns of MarriageJason Quandt & Sharon Ford





Sacred Heart 8th grade students visited our Young Hearts Potluck group to display their leprechaun traps. They were very creative with their designs and demonstrated how each one worked.



New Families

Drew & Sara Deters Jason Quandt & Sharon Ford Jeff & Jennifer Maneja Workman

Newly Baptized

David Robert D.
Peyton Marie E.
Annie Kay W.

~ Prayer List ~

Jim Feldhake, Barb Hoefft, Mary Westfall, Britney (Walters) Chester, JoLee Wright, Marilyn Shoffstall, Lauren Greuel,

Tom Hewing, Lisa Crosson, Louise Weber



Sacred Heart Church Calendar

Monday, March 27

9:00am-8:00pm: Adoration @ Sacred Heart Church

(Reconciliation 7:00pm-8:00pm)

Tuesday, March 28

9:15am: Lenten Study Group @ Church Narthex

Wednesday, March 29

5:15pm: Parish Choir Practice @ Sacred Heart Church

6:30pm: PSR Class @ Sacred Heart School

6:30pm: First Reconciliation for SHS & PSR Second Grade

Thursday, March 30

6:00pm: Lenten Study Group @ Church Narthex

Friday, March 31

9:15am: SHS Stations of the Cross @ Sacred Heart Church 5:30pm: SHS Living Stations @ Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, April 2

7:00am-Noon: PTA Breakfast

@ Sacred Heart Parish Center



Rest in Peace

Our sympathy to the family and friends of †Edward Ungrund

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, March 27 8:30am: †Rita Yocum Tuesday, March 28 8:30am: †Alice M. Bailey Wednesday, March 29

8:30am: †Leroy & †Maryann Borries

Thursday, March 30

8:30am: †Catherine M. Kemme

Friday, March 31 8:30am: †Paul Kemme

Saturday, April 1

4:00pm: †Louise Rose Nuxoll

Sunday, April 2

8:30am: For Our Parishioners 10:30am: †Marlene Greuel

Lenten Retreat: Seek the Eucharist, Go to Joseph

Fr. John Titus and Fr. Michal concelebrated the Masses this past weekend as a kickstart to our Lenten Retreat! Our SHS student musicians and choir did a beautiful job leading the music for the 10:30am Sunday Mass. The Mass began with a violin solo of *Amazing Grace* and several girls took turns playing the piano throughout the Mass. On Monday, the church was open for Adoration throughout the day. People gathered in the narthex at 5:30pm for soup and fellowship. Fr. Titus had a special presentation about the life of St. Joseph and his devotion to Mary. The evening concluded with Benediction at 8:00pm.







On Tuesday evening, Fr. Titus presentation was on Joseph, Terror of Demons, followed by private reconciliation.

On Wednesday, Fr. Titus and Fr. Michal concelebrated Mass at 8:30am with SHS students attending. The retreat concluded with a closing Mass and social in the narthex that evening. A special thank you to Fr. John Titus for spending time with our parish and the uplifting presentations.









Thank you . . .

A special thank you to an anonymous donor, the Sacred Heart CCW, & SHS PTA for the new coffee maker in the parish center. Also, the Sacred Heart CCW purchased an upright freezer for the parish center kitchen. And, an outdoor storage shed for the playground equipment was purchased with proceeds from our Scrip program. We are very grateful for the donations and for everyone who purchases Scrip cards.

A note of thanks to Esther Feldhake for a donation made to Sacred Heart School in memory of her loved ones. Her donation will be used to update and refurbish the school library this summer. The flooring will be replaced, some new furniture will be purchased, and the walls will receive a fresh coat of paint. *Thank you Feldhake family!*

Picnic Donations: Do you own a business and want to help Sacred Heart School and Parish? Would your family like to make a donation for the picnic raffle? We are



starting to ask for monetary donations for the Big Raffle and items for the Junior Raffle for the church picnic. If you can help us out with an item or monetary donation, please contact raffle stand chairs, Amy Westjohn at amywestjohn@gmail.com or Vicki Wenthe at v.wenthe@sheff.org.

We will be having a Flea Market, so start saving items now. Thank you to Johnathon Paholke, our lead chairman, along with Joe & Angela LaSarge, and Adam & Rachel Miller, co-chairs. If you have any questions, contact Johnathon at 217.663.7503 or Billi Jansen at the parish office 217.347.7177.



Congratulations to our Third Quarter Accelerated Reading and Literature Leaders!

AR Leaders:

Gr. 1: Sutton K., Emmy B.

Gr. 2: Annabelle S., Bo Z.

Gr. 3: Grace G., Anne W.

Gr. 4: Haylie R., Odyssia M.

Gr. 5H: Addisyn S., Jackson R.

Gr. 5B: Margo C., Reuben J.

Literature Leaders:

Gr. 6: Logan R., Cora B.

Gr. 7: Lucy C., Wade S

Gr. 8: Elisabeth G., Page B.

Sacred Heart kindergarten and first grade will celebrate their Read Night "Fizzle, Bubble, Pop, and Wow!!" on Thursday, March 30, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. This will be a special night for students and parents to share a night of science.

School News . . .

Our students have been leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings after the 8:30am Mass. This is such a special time to gather and pray. Our Living Stations will be performed by our seventh grade students on Friday, March 31, at 5:30pm, and again on Wednesday, April 5, at 10:30am. This is a very impactful and special presentation and we encourage you to share this experience with us.

Sacred Heart School Calendar

Starlab is in the gym all week

Tuesday, March 28

4:00pm: Scholar Bowl @ Effingham Junior High 4:00pm: Track Meet @ Stewardson-Strasburg

Wednesday, March 29

2:30pm: Track & Scholar Bowl Pictures @ SHS Gym 6:30pm: First Reconciliation for Second Grade

@ Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, March 30

4:00pm: Scholar Bowl @ Cowden Herrick-Beecher City

4:00pm: Track Meet @ St. Anthony

6:00pm: Read Night @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Sunday, April 2

7:00am-noon: "Pig Out" Breakfast

@ Sacred Heart Parish Center



Sunday, April 2

7:00am - Noon

Sacred Heart Parish Center 407 S. Henrietta Street Effingham

<u>Menu</u> Whole Hog Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy, Pancakes, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk, & Coffee

Large Plate \$9.00 - Small Plate \$6.00

"Fill the Pig" Contest

Each SHS classroom has their own 'Pig' to fill.
These "Pigs" will be available at the breakfast for parents, grandparents, and friends to donate to their favorite class.
The winning class gets a popcorn party!



All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School PTA.

On Tuesday, March 14, Sacred Heart School families were invited to "SHS Family Night" to see student displays that were on exhibit. The parents and guests also enjoyed visiting with the students and other parents.

Our third grade students have been studying saints and chose a saint name as they prepare for Confirmation and First Communion. They researched and prepared presentation boards featuring this individual saint.

Our fourth grade students displayed their state projects. They each did a presentation to share facts about their state, as well a model showing the shape, landscape, and terrain.

Our fifth grade students gave a presentation in character about the president they researched. They did an excellent job in sharing information and explaining what they learned about the history of our government.















WOW, what an awesome night we had at our St. Pat's Bash! It was a huge success! We sincerely thank everyone who came in support of Sacred Heart School. It was a fun night filled with good food, good friends, good music, many laughs, and LOTS of shamrock cheer!







Catholic Charities is offering free tax preparation until March 31, 2023. Information can be dropped off Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Clients must meet income eligibility requirements. Please contact Catholic Charities at 217.857.1458 for additional information and a list of items/information that must be dropped off.

The Teutopolis Monastery Museum will <u>not</u> be open the first Sunday of April. They are temporarily closed while the Museum undergoes renovation work. Watch the bulletin for opening date.



The Women of the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are offering four \$1,500 college scholarships to four outstanding Catholic senior young ladies. Young women who are

interested in applying for the scholarship should contact the Sacred Heart Parish office. The program recognizes outstanding Catholic female high school seniors who exemplify values of leadership, faith, and service. Deadline is April 1.

Natural Family Planning Class:

Saturday, April 15, 8:30am to 10:00am St. Francis, Teutopolis Saturday, June 17, 9:00am to 10:30am

St. Anthony, Effingham

Text or call Kate Pruemer at 217.821.1840 to register.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance,



enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314.649.7317. Upcoming dates are:

3/31/2023 - 4/2/2023:

Fairfield Inn (Westport Plaza), St. Louis, MO 5/5/2023 – 5/7/2023:

Drury Plaza Hotel, Cape Girardeau, MO 8/4/2023 – 8/6/2023:

Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO

Pre-Cana Workshop:

EIU Newman Center, Charleston Saturday, June 24, from 9:00am to 4:00pm To register, please call 217.348.0188 Tune in Monday through Friday, March 27-31, for the Catholic Radiothon on FM



91.3 WGMR, online at www.ourcatholicradio.org, or on the FREE Covenant Network app.

Effingham area guest hosts will be on:

Wednesday (12:00-1:00pm): Cindy Vahling

Wednesday (5:00-6:00pm): Luke & Mallory Doedtman

Thursday (3:00-4:00pm): Dr. John Sudkamp

Please call in anytime to pledge at 314.752.7000 or

877.305.1234 or pledge online!



Miscarriage: Healing, Support, and Advocacy is found at the Family Life Center. There are advocates ready to meet & help you in your healing journey from your

miscarriage. Call any of the three locations to schedule an appointment. Effingham, 217.342.5433; Newton, 618.783.5433; Shelbyville, 217.774.4874.

Sacred Heart Parish is hosting Totus Tuus this summer, June 10-16, for grades PreK through high school. It is a wonderful program that inspires active stewards, fruitful vocations, and a lifelong love for the Church. *Mark your calendar!*





Project Rachel: Trust in the mercy of God's love. Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them

the Good News of God's merciful love. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5. Pray that many will seek and receive the gift of God's infinite mercy.

Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL will be hosting their next retreat on April 21-23, 2023. The theme is "The Devil is Real and is Grappling for Your Soul". Fr. Matthew Pawlikowski will be the guest speaker and he is an army chaplain who has spent much of his career supporting our military in his priesthood. This retreat will be fascinating as Father Matthew will teach us about our spiritual battles but also share his vast experiences throughout the world. Please go to osmm.org to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217.690.5282 for more information.



The CCW Spring Rummage Sale will be held June 7, from 8:00am to 5:00pm; June 8, from 8:00am to 5:00pm; and June 9, 8:00am to



noon, at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. The Committee will be setting up on Monday and Tuesday June 5 & 6. Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated. Call Vicki Walker 217.821.6179 or Judy Luchtefeld 217.821.4060 with any questions or for more information. Items for the sale can be dropped off at the maintenance garage starting April 1. Please note that we do not take televisions, computers, or printers.



Families are invited to purchase flowers to be displayed by the tabernacle throughout the year in memory/honor of a loved one. If you have a special occasion or would like to donate flowers for a particular weekend,

please contact Vicki Walker at 217.821.6179.

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Envelopes: \$ 10,990.00 Loose Collection \$ 1,225.00 Total: \$ 12,215.00

"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

On March 16, 2023, the Cemetery Board met at St. Anthony Parish Center. The Cemetery Board is comprised of members of both St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Parishes. Representing Sacred Heart is Jerry Steppe, Kevin Perkins, and Billi Jansen. On the agenda were various housekeeping items



and long-term plans for expansion into the north lot were discussed. Your monthly envelopes include an envelope for the cemetery in the months of May and November. The money collected from those envelopes goes to the cemetery fund and is used for mowing, upkeep, and expanding the cemetery.



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl is a Lenten faith-in-action program to connect Catholics with our global human family.

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