

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022



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Message from Fr. Michal . . .

A special thank you to everyone who came to Sacred Heart Church for Adoration this past Monday. It was wonderful to see so many people along with the grade school classes who came to pray throughout the day. Our next day of Adoration will be Monday,



June 6, from 9:00am until 8:00pm. Please plan to join us in prayer!



This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is commonly referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday" as the Gospel reading is about the shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep, just as Jesus did for us. In the Easter edition of the Word Among Us are several articles on the Good Shepherd. We all need God's guidance and protection, although we don't always recognize it.

I want to wish our mothers a special Mother's Day! It is a special time to honor mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers for their contribution to their family and our community. It calls us to cherish the gift of life that we receive from our mothers. May their love and devotion be a source of great inspiration for all of us.





At the 10:30am Mass this weekend, I will be vesting our new servers. This is an honor for me to recognize our new servers in this very special way.

This Sunday, we also celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. While upholding all vocations, the Church places a special emphasis each year on this day to pray for vocations to the ordained ministry and consecrated life, and support for those currently living out one of these vocations.



The celebration of our Sacred Heart School Eighth Grade Graduation will be at our Sunday, May 15, 10:30am Mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend. During the celebration of Mass, ministries will be filled by our students and staff. The graduation ceremony, class video, and the reception will commence immediately following the closing of Mass.

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

Parish News





Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women May Breakfast

CCW hosted their annual breakfast catered by Deb's Catering with 56 ladies and Fr. Michal present. Reports were read and approved. Door prizes were given out and children received a Culver's Ice Cream token. Congratulations to Lucy Hewing who was selected as the Sacred Heart CCW Woman of Distinction. She will be a guest at an award ceremony on Saturday, July 23, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, IL. A luncheon will follow at the Crowne Plaza.

We are looking for a CCW president for the 2022-23 year. If you are interested, please call Darlene at the parish office at 217.347.7177. Contact Vicki Walker at 217.821.6179 to donate fresh flowers for the tabernacle. She is also needing paper jewelry display boxes, donations for the flea market, and help from our young people who need service hours.

Thank you to our May Committee of Joan Thies, Mary Pat Wood, and Judy Gardewine. Thank you to Ruth Buening, Carol Perkins, and Joan Thies' grandchildren who assisted in set up.

Several picnic stand chairs are looking for volunteers to work at their stand. If you have not been contacted, but can work, please call the parish office and we will forward your name to them. Thank you!

Flea Market items can be dropped off at the maintenance building. Items that sell quickly are toys, knickknacks, glassware, books, jewelry, seasonal items, etc. No clothes, box televisions, or monitors.

Come kick off the Sacred Heart Picnic with our annual Race to the Cross on Saturday, June 25! Kim Jansen is the coordinator for this event. For more information, send an email to racetothecross@gmail.com. Registration forms are available in the church narthex. Register by May 27 to receive a shirt.



	Liturgical Ministers for May 14-15, 2022		
Ministry	4:00pm Mass	8:30am Mass	10:30am Mass
Sacristan	Carol Rohr Carol Toney	Chuck Poulin	Leon & Terri Hillyer
Lector	Sandy Kreke	Kevin Perkins	SHS 8th Grade Student
ЕМНС	Marty Stock Marcia Imburgia	Bob Lakin Diana Ludwig	Jill Feldhake Angela Sheehan
Ushers	Dennis Carie Tony Hakman Jim Hecht Bob Utz	Mark Gibson Randy Haarmann Scott Mosher Gerald Will	Andy Hanfland Chuck Keller, Jr. Greg Koester Brett Wilson
Greeter	Cliff & Mary Klein	Bob & Tammy Lakin	SHS 8th Grade Students
Gift Bearers	Jesse Probst Family	Donna Keller Family	SHS 8th Grade Students
Servers	Lena G. / Rory G. Jonathan B. / Page B,	Taylor T. / Owen A. Brooklyn I. / Ava H. William E. / Kaden P.	Freddie J. / Joey L. Avery L. / Lauren F.

Parish News

The Sunday 8:30am Mass and weekday Masses are available on our YouTube page: "Sacred Heart Effingham".



If you would like to donate flowers for the tabernacle, please call Vicki Walker at 217.821.6179.

Sacred Heart Church Calendar

Wednesday, May 11

6:30pm: PSR Closing Mass @ Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, May 12

5:30pm: Liturgy Committee Meeting @ Church Narthex

Sunday, May 15

10:30am: Sacred Heart Grade School 8th Grade

Graduation @ Sacred Heart Church



Michelle Kruger is leading a study group "Pray Like Mary" on Tuesdays, immediately following the 8:30am Mass in the church narthex. There is no charge and the group will meet a maximum of five weeks. Everyone is invited to come.

If you have a student graduating from 8th grade or high school, please send their names to Darlene via email at shchurch@sheff.org or call 217.347.7177.



We will be highlighting graduates in the bulletin. Please submit names by May 9.



Verena Allen, a long-time parishioner of Sacred Heart Church, will celebrate her birthday on Monday, May 9. If you would like to send a card, mail it to: Villas of Holly Brook Effingham c/o Verena Allen 904 W. Evergreen, Apt. 45 Effingham, IL 62401

Sacred Heart Church assists our local community by delivering for the "Meals on Wheels" program on the Monday "City Route". Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take a week. It is a blessing to have the route covered and the people who receive meals are so appreciative to have them brought to their homes.

PSR will conclude on Wednesday, May 11, with a 6:30pm Mass in Sacred Heart Church.



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

~ Prayer List ~

Blain Loll, Britney (Walters) Chester, John William Miller, Adam Wiedman





Banns of Marriage

(III) Michael Thies & Bali Hockman

Readings for the Week

Monday, May 9: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 10: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 11: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 12: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 13: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 14: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Sunday, May 15: Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a;

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, May 9

8:30am: †Chuck Bierman

Tuesday, May 10

8:30am: †Dr. John Kroeger

Wednesday, May 11

8:30am: †Herman & †Delores Cornell

6:30pm: PSR Closing Mass

Thursday, May 12 8:30am: Joseph Ihrig

Friday, May 13 8:30am: No Mass

Saturday, May 14

4:00pm: †Jack, †Marilyn, & †Jim Michaelree

Sunday, May 15 8:30am: †Letha Huff

10:30am: For Our Parishioners

7:00pm Spanish Mass: Special Intention

Church & School News

Open House

Honoring Vicki Niemerg









After 39 years at Sacred Heart School, Vicki Niemerg is retiring! Please join us to celebrate Vicki and wish her well in retirement.



Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:00-7:00pm

Sacred Heart Parish Center

407 S. Henrietta Street, Effingham **Light appetizers, cake, and drinks will be served.**



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- d) Type 62401 to find our parish and click Sacred Heart Effingham
- e) Fill in your name & email address and click Sign Up
- f) You will receive an email with a confirmation.

Our Scholar Bowl team won the sectional title on Monday and played for the state title this past Friday! At the sectional, they went undefeated posting wins over Altamont (170 to 160), Stew/Stras (230 to 110), and Fairfield New Hope (170 to 130). We are proud of you!! A special thank you to Ron & Nila Pike, our SHS Scholar Bowl coaches.



(Seated) Emma P., Jonathan B., Isaac T., Joey L., Freddie J.;

(Standing) Coach Nila Pike, Elisabeth G., Lena G., Derek D., Noah J., Madeline G., Coach Ron Pike

Carol Toney served as the guest speaker at the 2022 National Day of Prayer Breakfast this past Wednesday. She shared about her medical career and working in the missions. She has taken trips to several foreign countries and served on the Mercy medical ship that visits



less developed nations to perform surgeries. She shared that missions also happen close to home. Catholic Charities benefitted from Wednesday's breakfast. She spoke about her special passion for driving the Ramblin Rose bus to deliver school supplies, clothing, and other needed items throughout this region.

We are excited to have our Sacred Heart alumni who are now graduating high school seniors come for a visit/graduation celebration on Friday, May 13, at 2:30pm. It is very special as they were "buddies" to our current 5th grade students and the graduates have established a close bond with SHS!

School News



Vicki Wenthe is one of five finalists for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton award for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. The award is given to a Catholic teacher in our schools who is making a big difference in the classroom. Mrs. Wenthe is our fourth grade teacher. She goes above and beyond

and is someone whose impact is deep and personal. She lives out what it means to be Catholic and instills her faith into her students. *Catholic Times* will reveal the winner of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award in their May 15 edition. Thank you to Mrs. Wenthe and all teachers for their dedication to their students!

Sacred Heart School Calendar

Tuesday, May 10

NTC Track Meet @ Altamont (TBD) 3:00pm: After-School Art Class @ SHS

Wednesday, May 11

6:30pm: Kindergarten Graduation @ SHS gym

Thursday, May 12

8th Grade Field Trip to Springfield, IL

4th & 5th Grade Field Trip to Lincoln Log Cabins

5:00pm-7:00pm: Vicki Niemerg Retirement Open House

@ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Friday, May 13

State Track Meet @ Eastside Centre in East Peoria 8:00am: Sports Physicals for current 4th, 6th, and 7th grade students @ SHS

Saturday, May 14

State Track Meet @ Eastside Centre in East Peoria Sunday, May 15

10:30am: 8th Grade Graduation Mass

@ Sacred Heart Church

Congratulations to our April "Saints in Training" Award winners. This month's saint is St. Joseph, Jesus' earthly father. These students have been selected by their teachers for displaying traits of St.



Joseph: "Quietly guiding and supporting others . . . a student who praises and motivates others to be better. The silent backbone of the class." Congratulations to James A., Graham B., Lincoln D., Bentley E., Mason K., Reuben J., Dom W., Jude T., and Michael W.!

Happy Mother's Day



Online Registration for the 2022-23 school year is open. If you have not completed your enrollment commitment form, please do so as soon as possible. If you need another form, please email a.wright@sheff.org or call Andrea at 217.347.7177.

School End-of-Year Dates . . .

Kindergarten Graduation

Our Kindergarten Graduation Exercises are scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30pm, in the school gym.

SHS Eighth Grade Graduation

Our Eighth Grade Mass and Graduation Ceremony will be held Sunday, May 15, at 10:30am, in the church. Individual and group photos will be taken in front of the school before Mass. We will host a reception following Mass in the church narthex.

Special Night of Recognition: Grades 5-8

Our "Special Night of Recognition" for fifth-eighth grade students will be on Monday, May 16, at 6:00pm, in the school gym. This special night will feature performances by our fifth grade and junior high bands. Academic and athletic awards will be handed out and various student art projects will be on display.

Award Ceremony: Grades 2-4

We will host an Award Ceremony for grades 2-4 on Tuesday, May 17, at 2:00pm, in the school gym. Awards will be given to those students in each grade with the highest Accelerated Reading points and highest scores in music and art. "Saint in Training" winners will also be recognized. Parents of those students receiving an award will be notified in advance.

Preschool Programs & Last Days

Our SHS preschool end-of-the-year programs will be Thursday, May 12, and Friday, May 13, at 10:30am, in the gym. Our last days for preschool this year will be Monday, May 16, and Tuesday, May 17.

Last Day of School

Our last day of attendance is Friday, May 20. We will celebrate the day with fun Field Day activities! This is a half-day with dismissal at noon. School lunch will not be served. There will be NO PM BUS TRANSPORTATION (buses will run as normal for AM routes). Clubhouse will be open for those families needing after-school care.

Community News



The Baby Bottle project is being hosted by the Family Life Center. Baby bottles will be in the church narthex this weekend. Please take a bottle home, fill it with your loose

change (or dollar bills), and return it on Father's Day to the church. Family Life Center provides assistance, education, and support to women, men, and families experiencing pregnancy and parenting issues. They offer a Momz & Dadz program which addresses parenting skills and support. The Silk Purse Thrift Store also helps to support their ministry.

Community Charitable Cookout will be held at the Teutopolis State Bank & Sigel Community Bank parking lots on Friday, May 13, from 11:00am to 6:00pm. The menu is porkburgers, hot dogs, chips,



cookies, and drink for a free-will donation. All proceeds go to the White Lily Project which is a non-for-profit organization that will fund an "Angel of Hope" statue and memorial garden where parents, families, and friends affected by miscarriage, infant loss, and child loss can find hope and fellowship.

NEWMAN CONNECTION Connecting your high school graduate to their college campus minister is important so they can

connect with other students of the same faith. Cassie Campton works locally with the Newman Ministry to help high school graduates get connected by using the Newman Connect App! Instead of waiting for a campus minister to reach out in the fall, students can download Newman Connect on their iPhone or Android device and find their college campus ministry. For more information, contact Cassie at 866.815.2034, ext. 708.

Congratulations to the Society for Academic Achievement award recipients for St. Anthony and Effingham High Schools.

Sacred Heart seniors are Chloe B., Jackson D., Tyler F., Krista P., Ada R., Ryker S., Jarrett S., and Britney W. Juniors are Marah K. and Allison M.



The Effingham Knights of Columbus spouse's breakfast will be Sunday, May 15, at 9:30am, at the Effingham Event Center. This event is in honor of widows and families of

deceased Brother Knights of Columbus 665.

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing to you today for two reasons. First off, today the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This is a chance for us to join our Catholic brothers and sisters the world over to pray for an increase in



Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. In so doing, we publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries, consecrated life in all its forms, secular institutes, and to the missionary life. Please join me in praying for an increase in Vocations for our Diocese.

I also invite you to my Ordination to the Priesthood at 10:00am on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, IL. I will be ordained with my classmate, Deacon Paul Lesupati. We would both be honored and overjoyed to have you join us. If you are unable to join us in person, the Ordination Mass will be livestreamed at dio.org/live.

Thank you for the many ways in which you have provided support, encouragement, and, most importantly, prayers to me over my time in Seminary Formation. It is not an understatement to say that I could not have made it this far without each of you. Please continue to pray for my classmates and I and know of our prayers for you. In thanksgiving for His many gifts, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Dcn. Zach Samples
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The Prayer Vigil for Life to pray for the protection of all life will be held at St. Aloysius Church in Bishop Creek on Monday, May 16. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00pm. Fr. Frank Folino will be

the celebrant for the 6:30pm Mass. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall.

Diocese Information

Dive Deep: Dealing with death - the right and wrong ways: Losing a loved one is painful. How we handle that loss depends on each



person, but are we grieving in a healthy way? What should we say and not say to someone who lost a loved one? What should we do if the pain of a loss is just as apparent today as when it occurred? Dr. Dee Stern, a Springfield Catholic grief therapist, authored a new book to help people grieve healthier and better comfort those who lost loved ones. It's called "Comforting the bereaved through listening and positive responding, what are the bereaved trying to tell us?" Dr. Stern offers her advice on Dive Deep. Go to <a href="documents-display="disp

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.

Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) collection envelope is in your May packet. The past year, our diocese has been able to build upon several popular media endeavors and

create new video service to help people connect with our faith. Please support their efforts.

Financial

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Envelopes: \$ 13,387.00 Loose Collection: \$ 976.00 **Total:** \$ **14,363.00**

"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

A Cemetery Fund envelope is included in your May envelope packet. All donations help to cover the costs of upkeep, maintenance, and improvements. Jerry Steppe, Kevin Perkins, and Billi Jansen, are the Sacred Heart Parish representatives on the Cemetery Board. Please prayerfully consider donating to keep the cemetery looking beautiful. We appreciate your support.



The cost of St. Anthony Cemetery burial spaces will increase on July 1, 2022. There is time to purchase a burial space at the old rate. Please call the cemetery sexton, Bart Willenborg, at 217.821.6085. The new cost of a burial space on July 1, 2022, will be \$850 and a cremation space will be \$650.

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