



# First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021



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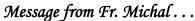
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During a life emergency, while offices are closed, please contact 217.703.1042 to reach a priest.



A Rorate Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, & Dec. 20, at 6:00am, at Sacred Heart Church. This is a Votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother for the season of Advent. Our Lady shows herself in a special way as our leader through Advent to Christmas. This Mass will start in darkness and only lights of the candle will show us the way-like Mary is showing us Jesus. Through



the snow, cold, and darkness of early morning, the faithful would trudge with lanterns in their hands to the brightly lit Church where the Mass was celebrated. The symbolism of the candle is that it is not the bright light of Christmas. The Church and the soul are still struggling through the darkness toward the Light. The light of our candles is a symbol of our longing for the coming of our Savior whose light is already dawning. As it will be dark in the church, feel free to bring a lantern with you.



The Advent season is a time of preparation that includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. Please pick up a copy of the Word Among Us in the Church Narthex. In this issue are spiritual readings for the four Sundays in Advent along with daily readings and meditations.

Please take home a copy of *Nourishing our Hope*, a special pamphlet with daily Advent Reflections. It has special articles on taking time to prepare for Christmas. Our spiritual life is living with the conviction that we are never alone, even when our life's journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem too great to overcome.





A servers' meeting will be Monday, Dec. 6, at 6:15pm, in church. I ask all servers to be present.

Adoration & Reconciliation will be on Monday, Dec. 6. Adoration at 7:00pm and/or Reconciliation from 7:05pm until 7:55pm. I am also available for Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to weekday Masses, from 3:00pm until 3:50pm on Saturdays, or by appointment.



Immaculate Conceptions Masses are Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 7:00pm, and Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 8:30am and 7:00pm.

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

# Parish News



Congratulations to our SHS and PSR Confirmation Students



### **Parish News**

The Sunday 8:30am Mass and weekday Masses are being live streamed at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicParishEffinghamIL/">https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicParishEffinghamIL/</a> and on our YouTube page: "Sacred Heart Effingham".

### ~ Prayer List ~

Joe Mitchell, Cathy Hayes, Keith Willenborg,
Don Miller, Brian A. Niebrugge, Deb Meyers,
Donald Rentfrow Jr., Gordon Kreke, Rita Schrader,
Fred Schaefer, 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, Nellie Donsbach,
Carmen Walker, Declan Robertson



Bring your Christmas Spirit and enjoy a <u>fully catered meal</u> including turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, vegetable, and dessert.

Please bring an item for our Silent Auction (baked good, plate of cookies, candle, wine, gift basket, crafts, Christmas item, etc.). All proceeds will go to a family in need.

\*Bring this invitation to the party for a chance to win a special prize!\*

### **Sacred Heart Parish Calendar**

#### Monday, November 29

6:00pm: Protecting God's Children Workshop

@ Sacred Heart Parish Center

#### Wednesday, December 1

6:30pm: PSR Reconciliation @ Church

6:30pm: Search Program @ Sacred Heart Church Narthex

Sunday, December 5

9:30am: Group photos for pictorial directory

@ Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women and Silk Purse appreciate the support of the volunteers who previously worked;



however, the Silk Purse still needs your help! Please volunteer through the month of December to help them get the donated items ready to sell. When you donate items, please indicate you are from 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

The Art & Environment Committee will be decorating the church for Christmas on Thursday, Dec. 23, after the 8:30am Mass. Please consider helping to decorate the



church for Christmas. It would be very helpful if several young adults could help with the lifting. For more information, call Vicki Walker at 217.821.6179.

### **Readings for the Week**

Monday, Nov. 29: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday, Nov. 30:** Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22 **Wednesday, Dec. 1:** Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37 **Thursday, Dec. 2:** Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27 **Friday, Dec. 3:** Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday, Dec. 4:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,

5a, 6-8

Sunday, Dec . 5: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

## Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, November 29

6:00am: †Donald L. Brown, Don Heuerman, †Alice M. Bailey

Tuesday, November 30

8:30am: †Bob & †Vera Verdeyen

Wednesday, December 1 8:30am: †Andrew Fuesting

Thursday, December 2

8:30am: †Christine Haarmann

Friday, December 3 8:30am: NO Mass

Saturday, December 4

4:00pm: For Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 5 8:30am: †Robert Waitkus 10:30am: †Fr. Victor Kingery NO 7:00pm Spanish Mass

### Parish & School News



JA-FA has started taking photographs for our new pictorial directory. Signup via Signup Genius (or you

can call the parish office and we can sign up for you) or in the Church Narthex after every Mass this weekend.

Dates for family/individual pictures at the Sacred Heart Parish Center (appt times are every 15 minutes) are:

Sunday, Nov. 28 - Noon to 8:00pm Monday, Nov. 29 - 3:00pm to 8:00pm

Tuesday, Nov. 30 - 3:00pm to 8:00pm

Wednesday, Dec. 1 - 3:00pm to 8:00pm

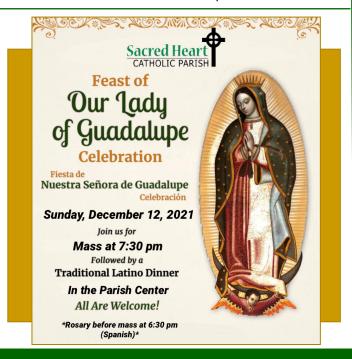
Thursday, Dec. 2 - 3:00pm to 8:00pm

Friday, Dec. 3 - 3:00pm to 8:00pm Saturday, Dec. 4 - 9:00am to 3:00pm Saturday Dec. 11 - 9:00am to 3:00pm

Group Photos (ministries, councils, etc.) will be Sunday, Dec. 5, from 9:30am to 10:15am.

### Pricing:

- ◆ \$80 includes a directory and the thumb drive with all of your pictures
- OR can spend \$80 on ordering pictures with JA-FA and still receive a directory
- ◆ \$30 to purchase directory only (no thumb drive)
- ◆ Free someone wants to come in for a picture (to be included in the book). You do not receive a directory or a thumb drive. Those must be purchased.



Sacred Heart Parish will be offering a Protecting God's Children workshop in the Sacred Heart Parish Center on Monday, Nov. 29, at 6:00pm. Call the school or parish office to register. To complete the class online, visit: <a href="https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/">https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/</a>

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If you have any questions about the online workshop, contact our PGC coordinator, Judy Luchtefeld, at j.luchtefeld@sheff.org or call 217.821.4060.



Keeping in touch over the holidays with priests who have served in our parish and local seminarians:

**Rev. Brian Alford,** c/o Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence, Springfield, IL 62703

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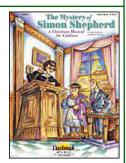
### **School News**

Last week, local Country Financial representatives, in conjunction with the company's "Operation Helping Heroes" campaign, donated \$750 to SHS! These funds will be used to purchase trade books for our junior high literature program. Country Financial representatives included Jay Mix, Nick Patton, Brad Meinhart, Jake Donsbach, Tammy Douthit, Wayne Donsbach, and Scott Mosher.



REMINDER: The Christmas Wreath and Coffee Fundraiser pickup is at Sacred Heart School on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9:00am to noon. Pecans will also be available for purchase (not for preorder) for \$5.00/pound while supplies last during pick-up hours.

Sacred Heart School is hosting our annual Christmas Program and Band Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 6:15pm, in the school gym. Entitled "The Mystery of Simon Shepherd", the program will be a special performance showcasing our K-8 students!



### **Sacred Heart School Calendar**

### Monday, November 29

6:00pm: Protecting God's Children Workshop
@ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Tuesday, November 30

6:00pm: Boys' Basketball vs. St. Michael @ home

Thursday, December 2

6:00pm: Boys' Basketball vs. Stew-Stras @ home

Friday, December 3

Boys Basketball 7th Grade NTC @ Sigel St. Michael (TBA)

Monday, Nov. 29—Friday, Dec. 3
Girls' Basketball 8th Grade Regionals



Our junior high students visited the cemetery where Fr. Michal spoke with them about how important it is to stay close to God and remain in a state of grace throughout our daily lives. They then spent time in prayer for loved ones who have passed away and for all souls in purgatory. Special thanks to Mr. Greg Fearday from St. Anthony High School for driving the students! In the month of November, the Church Magisterium allows us to receive a plenary indulgence by first going to confession, receive communion, be free of venial sin, and make a visit to the cemetery to pray.

Students from each class selected an Advent project to assist organizations with donations or gifts.

Here is a list according to classes . . .

Preschool: Ballard Nature Center

They are accepting donations of fish food, birdseed, craft items, etc.

### Grades K,1, 2: Catholic Charities Babies

♣ The students will bring in baby items to place on the tree in the lobby. All donations will be given to Catholic Charities.

Grade 3: Effingham County Humane Society

- ♣ Accepting donations of dog food, cat food, etc.
- Grades 4 & 5: Family Life Center
- ♣ They are accepting donations of baby items Grades 6,7, & 8 Seminarians
- ♣ We will be collecting money for the seminarians to purchase scrip cards to assist them with their living expenses.

There's a SCRIP card that's perfect for everyone on your Christmas list. School families can send a SCRIP order to school on Monday and receive in-stock SCRIP cards on Thursday of the same week! SCRIP cards are sold in church on Tuesdays and in the Church Narthex on the weekends of December 4-5, 11-12, and 18-19.

# **Community News**

Pro-Life News . . .

The next Effingham Area Right to Life meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 7:00pm, at Guardian Angel Adult Daycare. All are welcome!



"Adoration to Defeat Abortion" invites all Catholics around the country to ask God's help to overturn the Roe v Wade decision to make abortion legal. Please unite in prayer at Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony Church on Tuesday, Nov. 30, after the 8:30am Mass until 7:00pm.

#### Natural Family Planning workshops will be:

Saturday, Dec. 11, 9:00am to 10:30am on WebEx 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.



You are invited to this performance being held on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 7:00pm, at the Teutopolis Grade School Hall. Admission is a free-will offering. This production is suitable for ages 10 & up. For more information, call St. Francis Church at 217.961.6404.

# Effingham County Christmas Store

The FISH & Catholic Charities Christmas Store will be providing services for Effingham County families struggling with financial hardship. The experience will once again be altered in order to follow COVID-19 guidelines. Family registration will only be available ONLINE, and parents will be required to complete an interest inventory on each child. Christmas packages will be assembled in advance by volunteers and will be available for pickup during a scheduled window on December 10 or 11 at Crossroots Church, 3200 South Banker St, Effingham, IL (just south of Rural King).

### **Donation / Volunteer Information**

All donations are encouraged to be dropped off at the X & KJ Athon event at Premier Broadcasting on Wednesday, December 8, from 6:00am-6:00pm. Given the circumstances, we are requesting that donated items are in NEW condition. Exceptions include gently used coats and artificial Christmas Trees. Gently used children's coats can be dropped off at Wiedman Cleaners on Monday & Tuesday of this week. Coats will be cleaned and donated to the store.

Volunteers are needed to help assemble and distribute packages. Please register if you plan to help during pickup days. https://forms.gle/rnohDmtzfGHu4Cfq8.

Any questions, contact Molly Bushue at 217.254.0777 or email mollybushue@gmail.com.

United Way of Effingham is having "Thanks & Giving Community Raffle" with 39 items and over \$24,000 in cash and prizes to give



**away.** Tickets are sold in a book of 5 for \$20. Tickets can be purchased online at EffinghamUnitedWay.org/raffle or call their office at 217.342.3824 to buy tickets. The drawing will be on Facebook live on Dec. 8, 2021. Funds raised benefit 21 local partner agencies and supports many local programs for our community. When you support the United Way of Effingham County, your donations stay local.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas — Court St. Francis Christmas party will be Monday, Nov. 29, at 6:00pm, at Kountry Kitchen, Teutopolis.

# **Knights of Columbus**

Effingham Knights of Columbus Council 665 is once again conducting a "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest this year. Greg



Koester has distributed rules and entry forms to Sacred Heart School and PSR classes. If your child wants to do a poster and you did not receive information, call Greg at 217.821.7731 to get the entry forms.

The Kids Christmas Party is on Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Effingham Event Center. Doors open at 1:00pm with Santa arriving at 1:30pm. This year, there will be Christmas cards for kids and parents to draw a picture and/or write a note to our Local First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS).

The Adult Christmas Party (no children under 18 please) is on Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Effingham Event Center. Doors will open at noon and they will eat at 1:00pm. To spread a little Christmas Spirit, we are asking guests to bring a wrapped gift for our friends and loved ones in nursing homes; socks, small blankets, coloring books, wordsearch books, puzzles, other clothing and activity items. Please wrap the gift with a note on the outside what it is.

Please invite or bring a prospective Knight and guest to the Adult Christmas party or their family to the Kids Christmas party. It gives them the opportunity to meet our members and their families and discover some of things we do as a Fraternal Brotherhood for charity, support of the Church, our local parishes, and the community.

## Financial

### **Our Stewardship of Treasure**

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 8,188.89
Loose Collection \$ 1,014.00

Total: \$ 9,202.89

"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

#### **Advent Angels**

Gift bags will again be delivered during the Christmas season to our homebound, sick, or in the nursing home. If you would like to help provide items to fill a gift bag, please bring items to the parish office or place them in the container in the Church Narthex. Suitable items are soaps, lotions, air fresheners, socks, small religious statues, picture frame, or doily. Please, no candles or food. If you prefer to make a cash donation, place donation in an envelope marked "Advent Angels" and put in the collection.



Envelopes for Christmas flowers & decorations are included in the December packets. Please note on the back of the envelope if the donation is made in memory or in honor of a loved

one. A special memorial page will be included in the bulletin. Please return envelopes by Dec. 17.





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