



**SACRED HEART**  
Catholic Parish

**33rd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
November 19, 2023**



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# Happy Thanksgiving!

*"Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,  
whose mercy endures forever." Psalm 106:1*

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 23, at 8:30am. Please join us in thanksgiving for God's bountiful blessings! We will have a special collection at that Mass for Catholic Charities.

**Thanksgiving Week Schedule Changes:**

- \* Our 6:30pm study group will not meet on Tuesday, November 21. The 9:15am group will meet for prayer and a short faith-based video.
- \* No PSR Classes on Wednesday, November 22.
- \* Our Men's Prayer Group will not meet on Thursday, November 23.

**We want to hear from you!** On Sunday November 19, you will receive an email with a digital survey about our parish. Please take the time to prayerfully answer the questions. There will also be paper copies of the survey in the narthex for those who cannot complete it digitally.

**Parish Council Update**

**Mission: Create fellowship, community, and grow the parish.**

Our parish council held a meeting on October 11. Those present included Fr. Michal Rosa, Billi Jansen, Dennis Carie, Michelle Kruger, Jean Harder, April Ritz, Judy Bergfeld, Tina Herzing, and Tom Purcell.

The meeting began with prayer, approval of the October minutes, and various parish updates. The council discussed the various prayer opportunities that will be available during Advent, a possible new media center for the narthex (to hold papers, prayer cards, and etc. for people to take), and the November 18 marriage event.

Judy Bergfeld reported that our October 29 Blood Drive in the parish center was a great success and she will work with Impact Life to schedule the next one. It was noted that the parish council will be planning fish fries at Sacred Heart on February 16, and March 1, 2024.

Lastly, a discussion was held regarding how we welcome new members to our parish. We will implement a "Welcome Basket" right away and will work to have a new members dinner in 2024. Fr. Michal Rosa closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting was set for January 16, 2024.

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

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### Monday, November 20

Boys' BB at Cowden-Herrick/Beecher City 6:00pm

#### Tuesday, November 21

Kg Thanksgiving Program in parish center 1:15pm  
2:00pm Dismissal

#### November 22-November 26

Thanksgiving Break, No School

The sixth and seventh grade classes are kicking off fundraisers, as students work to earn money for their trip to Space Camp in the Spring of 2025. Opportunities to help support their efforts include:

- Count Down to Christmas Calendar Raffle** – Purchase a calendar for \$25 for your chance to win up to 25 times as we count down to Christmas. Prizes include gift certificates, cash, and even a White Elephant gift! Drawing will be held daily from December 1-25!
- Trash Bag Sales** – Contact a fifth- or sixth-grade student to purchase these AMAZING, heavy-duty trash bags between January 22 to February 5. Trash bags come in a variety of sizes and are great for businesses!
- Pecans** – Students are harvesting pecans from the trees located at Sacred Heart. The pecans will be sold at the back of church on the honor system.

Students will be selling items in the Narthex following weekend Masses from now until December 17. *Fundraisers this year WILL NOT include the selling of Christmas trees or hosting the No Fish Fish Fry.*

**Ladies of the parish—save the date for the CCW Christmas Party, to be held Tuesday, December 5 at 6:00pm in the parish center. More details coming soon!**

### SACRED HEART CHURCH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, November 19

RCIA 11:30am

#### Monday, November 20

Building & Grounds meeting 6:00pm

#### Tuesday, November 21

Study Group in church narthex 9:15am

#### Wednesday, November 22

No PSR Classes this week

#### Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Mass 8:30am;

Parish Office Closed

#### Friday, November 24

Parish Office Closed;

Pray the Rosary in the church 9:00am

### ~ Prayer List ~

Pat Prichard, Britney (Walters) Chester, Barb Hoeffft, Carolyn Ordner, Tom Hewing, Bill Foreman, Jackson Gaitros, Avery Gardewine Braunecker, Holly Althoff Newburn, Dawson Althoff, Bill Frese, Linda Frese, Mindy Reardon, Sister Pat Thies

**Flowers by the tabernacle were donated by Keith & Michelle Perkins in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.** If you would like to donate flowers, call Vicki Walker at 217.821.6179.



**Looking to borrow! The Art & Environment Committee would like to borrow PENCIL Christmas trees in the height ranging from 3' to 6' tall.** These trees will be used to create a wooded environment surrounding our nativity scene in church. They would be used from December 23 through the end of January. Contact Vicki Walker at 217.821.6179 for more information.



**Effective Sunday, December 3, Masses will no longer be recorded and saved on our YouTube page for viewing throughout the day.**

However, they will still be livestreamed in real time, and available on our YouTube page at Mass time (8:30am). This will allow viewers to be part of the Eucharistic experience while it is really happening.

### Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

#### **Monday, November 20**

**8:30am:** †Pat Braun

#### **Tuesday, November 21**

**8:30am:** †Brian A. Niebrugge

#### **Wednesday, November 22**

**8:30am:** †Robert Waitkus

#### **Thursday, November 23**

**8:30am:** †Cathy Swingler

#### **Friday, November 24**

**8:30am:** †Millie & †Stu Stumeier

#### **Saturday, November 25**

**4:00pm:** For Our Parishioners

#### **Sunday, November 26**

**8:30am:** †Kurt Ziegler

**10:30am:** †Rita Yocum



**From our local pro-life group -**  
**As we look back on the 40 days of the Prayer Campaign for Life, we reflect on our many blessings:** 40 churches and organizations in our region, as well as hundreds of people in our community,

filled the days with prayer to protect all human life from conception to natural death. Additionally many generous volunteers helped at the Silk Purse Thrift Store which supports the Family Life Center. THANK YOU!!

Our local effort was conducted in solidarity with the international "40 Days for Life" campaign. They documented 277 babies saved from abortion (that they know of) during this 40-day period, and over 23,664 since campaigns started in 2007! Be inspired by the true stories of abortion-minded women that had a change of heart. Visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

**The Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life will be at St Anthony Church on Monday, November 20.** Rosary will begin at 6:00pm, with Mass at 6:30pm. Refreshments and a pro-life meeting will follow in the parish center.

**Our Advent Angels program will deliver holiday gift bags to the homebound and those living in nursing homes and assisted living homes.** If you would like to donate, please drop items off at the parish office or in the basket in the narthex. Suitable items are soaps, lotions, air fresheners, socks, small religious statues, picture frame, or doily. Please, no candles or food. Cash donations should be placed in an envelope marked "Advent Angels" and put in the collection. Thank you!

### Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Envelopes:	\$ 9,209.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 1,016.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 25.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 10,250.00</b>

*"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**

**The St. Hildegard Von Bingen Schola will present their annual Holiday concert at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, November 26.** The concert begins at 2:30pm with a piano prelude of the works of Bach, Mozart, and Chopin performed by Ronan Bailey. The ladies of the Hildegard schola will follow at 3:00pm, performing sacred music of the season. The 2023-24 members of the schola are: Nora Gannaway, Joanna Mitchell, Shae Conder, Gianna Frisbie, Evie Sayne, Susy Trupiano, Nora Mitchell, and Addie Overbeck. The students are under the direction of Barbara Konrad. The concert is free and open to the public. Come early for a good seat.

### SPECIAL ADVENT SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Starting Monday, December 4, and every Monday in Advent, we will be hosting the following:

- ⇒ 6:30am Rorate (candlelight) Mass
- ⇒ Adoration from 7:00am - 8:00pm
- ⇒ Confession from 7:00pm - 8:00pm



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6 Fast Food! Homewood, Joe's Pizza, Ginger Ale's and more!	7 Weber's Jewelry Diamond Earrings	8 Nativity Set	9 Kirby Foods \$25 Gift Certificate	10 \$50 CASH
11 Firefly Grill \$50 Gift Certificate	12 \$100 CASH	13 WHITE ELEPHANT	14 \$50 CASH	15 Fairfield Inn Hotel Romance Package
16 \$50 CASH	17 JA FA Photo Three School Packages or \$50 Cash	18 \$100 CASH	19 Accuracy 20 hr Range Punch Card & \$20 gift certificate	20 Car Care Pack w/ Quik Trip \$20 Gift Card
21 Top Shelf \$25 Gift Certificate	22 \$250 CASH	23 FS Fast Stop \$100 Gift Certificate	24 \$250 CASH	25 \$500 CASH

DECEMBER 2023

## \$25/Raffle Ticket with 25 Chances to Win

A winner will be drawn each morning at Sacred Heart School. Daily winners will be re-entered into the raffle. Purchasers can win up to 25 times with one single ticket.

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT SACRED HEART'S SPACE CAMP PROGRAM.**

**Please fill out and return the bottom section with payment.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Student who sold ticket: \_\_\_\_\_

*Entries will be accepted until December 21, but enter early for more chances to win.*

*Make checks payable to: Sacred Heart Space Camp*



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