



SACRED HEART Catholic Parish

Christ the King November 21, 2021



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Message from Fr. Michal . . .

This Sunday, I will confirm our SHS 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at Sacred Heart Church. It has been such an honor to celebrate this special sacrament with our students. Confirmation deepens their baptismal life which calls them to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in their families, neighborhoods, and society. Please continue to pray for them.



Christ the King marks the end of the church's liturgical year. As you look at the parish Easter Candle near the baptismal font, you will see an Alpha (A) and an Omega (W) the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. They remind us that Christ, yesterday and today, is the Beginning and the End. To Him belongs all time, all the ages, and glory and power forever.

In November, we remember the souls in purgatory who are in need of our prayers. 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.

PLENARY
INDULGENCES



The First Sunday of Advent is Nov. 28. Please pick up a free 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. There is an article on *St. Joseph, the Holy Family, and Us* beginning on page 54. This is the special "year of St. Joseph" that Pope Francis dedicated to the earthly father of Jesus and comes to an end on Dec. 8.

Please take home a copy of the *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. *Let us follow Jesus!*



Wishing you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving!!

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

Parish News



Sacred Heart Parish CCW Christmas Party
Thursday, December 9
6:00pm
Sacred Heart Parish Center

Bring your Christmas Spirit and enjoy a fully catered meal 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 Council of Catholic Women and Silk Purse appreciate the support of the volunteers who worked during the month of October; however, the Silk Purse still needs your help! Please volunteer during the months of November and December to help them get the donated items ready to sell. When you donate items, please indicate you are from Sacred Heart Church.



Thank you to Caroline Gibson, Mary Westfall, & Darlene Koester for making turkey for our Young Hearts Potluck this past week. It was a great feast!!

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.



The celebration by candlelight had originally a more practical reason. There is a beautiful symbolism associated with the Rorate Mass. 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.

In Advent, we live spiritually between the Annunciation and the birth of Christ. Mary teaches us the spirit of Advent and inner attitude we should have during Advent. During the nine months of pregnancy, Mary lived a hidden life, in the spirit of silence and intense intimacy with Christ whom she carried in her womb.

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.

Liturgical Ministers for November 27-28, 2021

Ministry	4:00pm Mass	8:30am Mass	10:30am Mass
Sacristan	Carol Rohr & Carol Toney	Bob & Laurel McIvor	Carson Tardy
Lector	Madalynn Bond	Mike Schmitz	Becky Wilson
EMHC	Linda Buehnerkemper Jane Willenborg	Joan Thies Amy Warner	C.J. Rogger Vicki Wenthe
Ushers	Scott Braun Nate Braun Bill Kocher Bob Utz	Jason Albert Randy Haarmann Weston Peno Brian Swingler	Greg Lustig Greg Koester Chuck Keller, Jr. Kevin Kruger
Greeter	Vicki Walker	Steve & Judy Bergfeld	Leon & Terri Hillyer
Gift Bearers	Sarah Dirks Family	Bob & Marge Denton	Needed
Servers	Needed	Anna A. / Will A. Jacob W. / Ashlynn W. Madeline G. / Olivia G.	Noah J. / Freddie J. Miley W. / Brady W.

Parish News

The Sunday 8:30am Mass and weekday Masses are being live streamed at
<https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicParishEffinghamIL/>
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



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

**This week, the flowers by the tabernacle
were donated in memory of Cathy Swingler
by Steve Swingler and Family.**

**A special thank you to Fred Schaefer for the
donation of flowers on Sunday, Nov 14, in
memory of Janice Schaefer.**



Sacred Heart Parish Calendar

Wednesday, November 24

6:00pm: Adult Choir Practice @ Church
6:30pm: NO PSR Classes
6:30pm: The Search Program
@ Sacred Heart Parish Center

**The parish office will be closed on
Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26.**

Thanksgiving Mass



**Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated
at 9:00am at Sacred Heart Church.**

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Day Mass to thank
God for our many blessings and enjoy the parish choir
who will be singing. We will also distribute bread after
Mass for families to take home. There will be a
collection for Catholic Charities in the Church Narthex.



**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 and
prepare 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. 22: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, Nov. 23: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, Nov. 24: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, Nov. 25: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28

Friday, Nov. 26: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, Nov. 27: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, Nov. 28: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2;
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, November 22

8:30am: †Connie Wendt, †Kevin Wente, †Joyce Kovalsky

Tuesday, November 23

8:30am: Living & Deceased Members of the Stumeier
Family

Wednesday, November 24

8:30am: †Audry Gress

Thursday, November 25 (Thanksgiving)

9:00am: †Art & †Dolores Althoff

Friday, November 26

8:30am: NO Mass

Saturday, November 27

4:00pm: For Our Parishioners

Sunday, November 28

8:30am: †Philip Kortte

10:30am: †Katherine Stephens

7:00pm Spanish Mass: †Bill & Louise Sheehan Family

Parish & School News



Sacred Heart Parish will have a new pictorial directory with JA-FA, owned by Jennifer Hecht, our Sacred Heart parishioner, as our photographer. Signup will be via Signup Genius (or you can call the parish office and we can sign up for you). There will be signup available in the Church Narthex after every Mass.

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

Friday, Nov. 26 - 9:00am to 9:00pm
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 Church and SHS Student Council will be hosting a Food Drive to donate to our local Catholic Charities. It will conclude on Sunday, Nov. 28. There will be a display in the Church Narthex to place food items for the collection. There are many people who go without the basic necessities, so please be generous. On Monday, Nov. 29, the food will be delivered to the Catholic Charities food pantry.



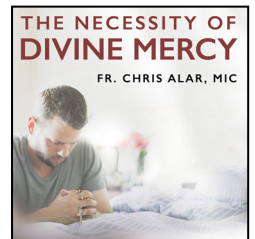
Reservations for the 2022-2023 Empower Illinois Scholarships will open on January 12 at 6:30pm.

Empower Illinois Scholarships are open to any new or existing K-12 family who meets certain financial qualifications. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis so it is important to reserve your spot as soon as reservations open. After reserving your time stamp on January 12, you will receive an email to log into your EmpowerXChange portal and complete the application when it opens on January 14. For more information or to find out if you qualify, visit <https://empowerillinois.org/>. You can also contact the Empower Illinois team with any questions about the reservation process by calling 800.616.7606 or emailing scholars@empowerillinois.org.

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, please visit <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/productsandservices.cfm#pgc>. 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.

Formed is a free subscription compliments of Sacred Heart Parish. The website has many programs, videos, and resources, for your personal use. This is a great website for you and your children. Go to [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) to sign up or call the parish office and we can assist you!!

This week we highlight . . . Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. Discover God's transformative message of Divine Mercy.



You are invited to come pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:15pm every day in the Church.

School News



Congratulations to our SHS students receiving the sacrament of Confirmation

William Joseph A.
Avery Hazel A.
Ronan James B.
Austin Dean B.
Mara Elizabeth B.
Jonathan Fishman B.
Page Eliza B.
Lucy Marie C.
Derek Charles D.
Taylor Marie F.
Connor Thomas F.
Helena Rose G.
Madeline Lee G.
Elisabeth Sue G.
Audrey Grace H.

Alec James H.
William Edward H.
Lena Marie H.
Frederick Barney J.
Noah Aaron J.
Nora Kay J.
Brayden Isaiah K.
Elle K.
Anna Isabella K.
Oliver Augustus K.
Audrey Anna L.
Avery Cassidy L.
Joseph Louis L., V
Emma Marie P.
Shane Douglas P.

Jadiel Daniel R.
Juluis Anthony R.
Owen Lucas S.
Wade William S.
Kaylee Brooke S.
Jackson Robert "Jack" S.
George Isaac T.
Taylor Olivia T.
Jude David T.
Bryar Anderson W.
Jacob Thomas W.
Dominick Scott W.
Brylee Geraldine W.
Michael William W.

As we reflect and prepare for Thanksgiving, we are very thankful for the many blessings bestowed on Sacred Heart School. We are grateful for our students, staff, and school families, as well as the many people who support us with their prayers, participation, and generosity. We have a beautiful building in which to teach and grow with our students. We have eyes to see and ears to hear as we experience life together. We have been blessed with a good school year and we are thankful for every day we can be together as a school family. School will dismiss at 2:00pm on Wednesday, Nov. 24. Sacred Heart School will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26. We pray for a blessed Thanksgiving break for everyone!



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!

The Christmas Wreath and Coffee Fundraiser pickup is at Sacred Heart School on Saturday, Nov. 27, from 8:00am to 1:00pm, and 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.



SCRIP cards make great Christmas gifts!

There's a SCRIP card that's perfect for everyone on your Christmas list: gifts for her, him, kids, teens, teachers, foodies, service providers, and more! SCRIP cards are sold in the Church Narthex after Masses on the first and third weekends of each month. School families can also send a SCRIP order to school on Monday and receive in-stock SCRIP cards on Thursday of the same week! A portion of each SCRIP card purchase goes back to Sacred Heart School. With SCRIP tuition credit, this is a win-win for the school and school families! For more details, email shscrip@sheff.org.

Sacred Heart School Calendar

Monday, November 22

5:00pm: Boys' Basketball @ Cowden-Herrick/Beecher City

Tuesday, November 23

6:00pm: Boys' Basketball vs. Windsor @ home

Wednesday, November 24

1:00pm: Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program @ SHS

2:00pm: Early dismissal for Thanksgiving

Monday, Nov. 22—Wednesday, Nov. 24

Girls' Basketball 7th Grade Regionals

No school on Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26

No Clubhouse on either day!

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!



Save the date for the Jan. 21, 2022 March for Life Mass and March with Bishop Paprocki in Springfield, IL. A Bales bus is reserved. Registration fee is \$30 and also a package of diapers to be donated to the Family Life Center. All 7th grade to college-aged students and adults welcome!!

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

Catholic Charities Pantry is in need of volunteers. Pantry hours are M-W-F, from 9:00am-11:30am and 12:30pm-4:00pm. Call Linda at 217.857.1458.

SAINT LUKE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

MAXIMILIAN
SAINT OF AUSCHWITZ
PERFORMED LIVE BY LEONARDO DEFILIPPIS

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

A FISH & Catholic Charities Tradition

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).

If you know an Effingham County family that could benefit from the Christmas Store, please send them the following link to register. Registration will be open until November 24. <https://forms.gle/rnohDmtzfGHu4Cfq8>

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 during the month of November. 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.



Community News

Free community THANKSGIVING Dinner



The Effingham County FISH Organization is sponsoring the 17th Annual Free Effingham

County Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 25.

Due to ongoing concerns over the COVID-19 virus, there will be no congregate meal. All meals will be delivered or available for curbside pickup. Meal delivery will take place between 10:00am and noon. Curbside pickup will be available at Cornerstone Christian Church, 3600 South Banker in Effingham from 11:00am until 12 noon.

This event is free and open to all Effingham County residents and their families. Donations are always greatly appreciated and may be sent to: FISH, P.O. Box 473, Effingham, IL 62401.

To reserve home-delivered meals and curbside pickups, phone the Senior Center at 217.347.5569 by noon on November 22, 2021. Residents receiving delivered meals will need to have a cooler or space available for volunteers to put the meals.

Volunteers are needed to help package and deliver meals. They will begin cutting pies and packaging meals at 9:00am. To volunteer, call Susan Elke at 217.868.5913.

Central America Migrant Crisis: There is an escalating migrant crisis in Central America. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has been supporting migrant shelters along the Mexico-Guatemala corridor as they expand and adapt their assistance to meet people's heightened needs. Go to the diocesan Office for the Missions webpage to read how you can help at: <https://www.dio.org/missions>.

Financial

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 8,657.00
Loose Collection	\$ 579.00
Total:	\$ 9,236.00

*"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**

Please support the Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH). Donations make it possible to provide hope and assistance of food, clothing, housing, education, and medication to local people living in poverty. 100% of the contributions goes to fund organizations within our Springfield Diocese. *Please give generously.*

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.



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