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SACRED HEART

Catholic Parish & School



Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 23, 2025

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Mass Schedule:

Monday-Thursday 8:30am Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30am, La Misa en Español 5:00pm el domingo

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before weekday Masses Saturday: 3:00pm-3:45pm

Liturgy of the Hours:

7:45am Sunday-Friday

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

3:15pm Monday-Friday 3:00pm Saturday

Pray the Rosary:

Healing: Mondays at 9:00am Flame of Love: Wednesdays at 3:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monthly on First Monday 9:00am-8:00pm Reconciliation 7:00-8:00pm This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. *Jesus is fully God and fully man*. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, <u>Christ reigns as King forever</u>.

Happy Thanksgiving!

The parish office will be closed Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28 for Thanksgiving.

We have much to be thankful for here at Sacred Heart Parish! We are thankful for God's many blessings and for all of our church and school families. We wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving. May you feel God's loving presence with you each and every day.



Holiday Class Cancellations

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the classes listed below are cancelled this week. We hope you can enjoy extra time with family and friends!

- * Morning study group is cancelled for Tuesday, November 25.
- * PSR classes are cancelled for Wednesday, November 26.
- * Our E.T.C. Effingham Teen Catholics Group is cancelled for Wednesday, November 26.
- * Our men's group is cancelled for Thursday, November 27.
- * All classes will resume the following week!

Prayer List: Nicole Bishop, Bill Weis, Maria Dolores Kingery, Tom Palmer, Alice Wines, Brenda Harris, Trevor Roy, Cis Ozenkoski, Mary Jane Behrman, Jackson Gaitros, Fr. Zach Patibandla, Keith Willenborg, Robert Overbeck, Jim Hakman

Names will be kept on our prayer list for 1 month and then removed. If you or your loved one would like to remain on the list for another month, simply call the parish office at 217-347-7177 and we will be happy to renew your name. \heartsuit



SACRED HEART CHURCH & SCHOOL CALENDAR

⊕ Parish Event ⊕ School Event

November 22-26

© Seventh-Grade Girls' BB Regionals

Monday, November 24

- ⊕ Pray the Healing Rosary in church 9:00am
- © Boys' BB at Cowden (CHBC) 6:00pm

Tuesday, November 25

⊕ Effingham Catholic Young Adults (ages 21-35)Holy Hour in church 7:00pm

Wednesday, November 26

- © Kg Thanksgiving Program in parish center 1:00pm
- © Early Dismissal—2:00pm

Thursday, November 27—Thanksgiving

- © No School

Friday, November 28

- © No School

----- <u>SAVE THE DATE</u> -----

December 2, 2025: CCW Christmas Party 6:00pm

March 14, 2026: St. Pat's Bash

June 27 & 28, 2026: Sacred Heart Picnic



The flowers by the tabernacle were donated by Carol Toney in Thanksgiving. If you would like to donate flowers for a weekend in 2026, contact Vicki Walker at 217-821-6179.

...... Rest in Peace

Our sympathy to the families and friends of

†Marilyn Matilda Utz

Thank you to everyone who brought in photos of veterans for our Veterans Day display. The photos are in a basket in the narthex and are ready to be picked up.



Our Advent Angels gift bags will be delivered on Saturday, December 6, to the homebound and those living in nursing and assisted living homes. If you would like to donate to the program, please drop items off to the parish office

or place them in the basket in the narthex by Sunday. November 30. Suitable items are soaps, lotions, air fresheners, socks, small religious statues, picture frames, or doilies. No candles or food. If you prefer to make a cash donation, place it in the collection basket and designate it for "Advent Angels". Thank you!

Mass intentions for 2026 can be scheduled in the parish office (Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm). The only remaining availability for 2025 is on Mondays, when multiple intentions can be shared.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 24

8:30am: †Bob Hille, †Kathy Fehrenbacher

Tuesday, November 25

8:30am: †Albert & †Verena Kreke

Wednesday, November 26

8:30am: †Pat Hayes, †Dolores Klee,

†Georgette Broxton

Thursday, November 27—Thanksgiving

8:30am: †Frances Hoene

Saturday, November 29

4:00pm: †Donald Louis Brown

Sunday, November 30

8:30am: For Our Parishioners

10:30am: †Ethel Gallo

5:00pm: La Misa en Español



"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man." -Pope Francis

Advent starts on Sunday, November 30! We have multiple spiritual growth opportunities to help prepare you for the birth of our Savior!

Join us on Mondays during Advent!

On December 1, 15, and 22, we will be hosting the following in church:

- ⇒ 6:30am Rorate (candlelight) Mass (no 8:30am Mass these days)
- ⇒ Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00am 8:00pm
- ⇒ Confession from 7:00pm 8:00pm (December 22 will be a special Night of Confession with 4 priests available.)

Please note: Any time you pray at Eucharistic Adoration, you can receive a partial indulgence. A plenary indulgence is granted when you visit the most Blessed Sacrament during Adoration for at least 30 minutes. (All other qualifications for plenary indulgence still apply: go to Confession, receive Communion the same day, say prayers, and be free of venial sin. If you are interested in more information, please talk to Fr. Michal or contact the parish office.)

Due to it being the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, December 8, has a different schedule than the other Mondays in Advent. This is the holy day of obligation celebrating that the Virgin Mary was free of original sin from the moment of her conception. Masses will be held on Monday, December 8 at 8:30am, 12:10pm, and 6:30pm. Please join us!



During Advent, our men's group will be studying the book *Waiting Well* by Fr. Mike Schmitz. All men are invited! They meet on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the church narthex. Any questions, contact Tom Purcell at 217-821-7077.

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, each class at SHS will participate in an Advent project to collect items or money for those in need.

- PreK: Ballard Nature Center
 - Accepting donations of fish food, birdseed, craft items. etc.
- Gr. K-2: Catholic Charities Babies
 - Collecting baby items to place on a special "Baby Jesus Christmas Tree" in the school lobby. All donations will be given to Catholic Charities.
- Gr. 3: Humane Society
 - Accepting donations of dog food, cat food, etc.
- Gr. 4-5: Family Life Center
 - Accepting donations of baby items
- Gr. 6-8: El Shaddai
 - Collecting money for El Shaddai, the new home in Effingham for mothers and their newborns

Our SHS kindergarten students will be sharing a living Advent wreath with our school family. Each week we will gather to 'light the candle' on the special wreath. Students will stand in a circle to form the wreath, while others will stand in the center to represent the candles. This is a special way for them to bring the Advent season to life.



Celebrate Advent with Hallow.

Hallow has many great resources for spiritual growth during Advent, including

prayers, schedules, activities, calendars, and more. They also have resources explaining the history and meaning, colors, symbolism, and themes of Advent candles/wreaths. You can also discover the Biblical roots of Advent and check out their Advent FAQ. Visit https://hallow.com/advent/for more details.



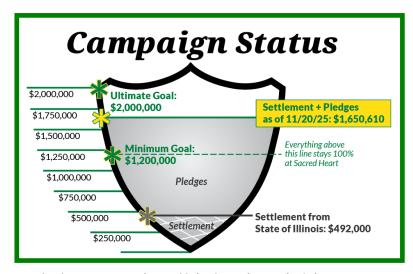
There is also a lot of helpful information and Advent resources on FORMED. FORMED is an online

library with Catholic movies and programs—somewhat of a "Catholic Netflix". Learn and enjoy your faith at home and on the go, from any device. Sign up for free at formed.org/signup.



Sacred Heart Catholic Parish & School

Donations continue coming in for our Strengthen & Secure Campaign, and we are so grateful for everyone's generosity! We are getting closer to our Ultimate Goal and we would love to reach it!



If you have not given to the campaign yet, we invite you to make a gift before the end of the year. Pledge cards are available in the pews, in the narthex, or in the church office. Gifts of any amount are both needed and appreciated! Online donations can be made here: https://pushpay.com/g/sacredhearteffingham. Simply designate the dollar amount you want to give and select the fund "8126 Centennial Campaign (Capital Campaign)". Thank you!



The letters were installed on the water feature and the cross emblems were added to the entrance pillars!





To commemorate the new concrete on the west parking lot, we had one student from each grade place a handprint in the new concrete.

This will serve a special memento for years to come!

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"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19)











The JB Esker crew was out bright and early Monday morning (so early that it was still dark!) to start pouring concrete on the west parking lot.

We sincerely thank everyone who is helping bring these exterior enhancements to life. Several of our parishioners have gone above and beyond, donating many hours of their time and sharing their professional expertise to make sure our project runs smoothly and turns out beautifully.

Thank you!
Steve Swingler, Swingler Construction
Anthony Jansen & Andy Hanfland, Farnsworth Group
Mike Esker, JB Esker & Sons









Flame of Love Rosary Group Helping Souls

Come pray the Flame of Love Rosary with us! We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30-4:10pm in the church. We will meet on Wednesday, November 26 (day before Thanksgiving). See website,



www.flameoflove.us, for special promises given by the Blessed Virgin Mary to release souls from Purgatory. Everyone is invited!

Our upcoming St. Pat's Bash is Saturday, March 14. Last year's Casino Night was such a big hit that we are bringing the Casino back again! We hope you can join us for a fun evening supporting Sacred Heart School. Our St. Pat's Bash committee is making plans for an awesome evening! If you have ideas for Live or Silent Auction items, we would love to hear them. Also, if you have anything to donate, please let us know. Auction items can include physical items (purchased or homemade), event tickets or 'experience' items, as well as destination packages (airbnb, condo, etc.). Please contact Andrea Wright (a.wright@sheff.org) or Ashley Dow (mrsashleydow@gmail.com) if you have ideas or donations. Thank you!



We had some really special visitors at Sacred Heart School this week! Some of our former students (who are currently students at St. Anthony High School) came back to talk with our junior high students. They shared some of their high school experiences, talked about the transition from grade school to high school, and shared some of their 'favorite things' about SAHS.

They also stopped in to see some of their former SHS teachers and visit their younger siblings.

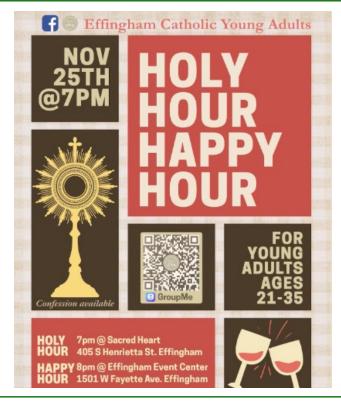
Our high school visitors were Michael Wright, Oliver Kreke, Gracie Haarman, Isaac Tays, Freddie Jansen, Page Brummer, Avery LaSarge, and Emma Poulin.



\$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.

Fundraising for the Junior High Trip will kick-off this weekend! Students will be selling Christmas Calendar Raffle tickets and pecans in the narthex after each Mass. All proceeds will cover the expenses for the SHS junior high trip for the 2026-27 school year.

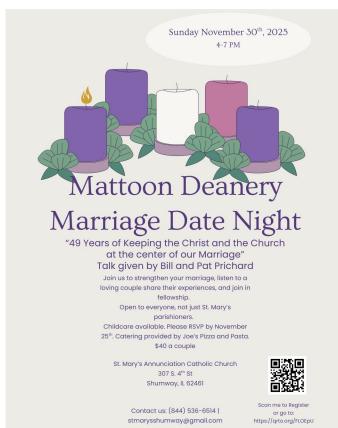


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SonRise Fridays - Men Leaders' breakfast

After a Thanksgiving break, the SonRise Men's Breakfast invites all men for Hot Breakfast on Friday, December 5. Fellowship and faith from 6:15am-7:30am, Friday, at the St. Anthony Parish Center.

This lesson will put a human face on all the discussions on male leadership and the state of western society. We will see incredible insight from James Stockdale and Eminem. Learn more at thatmanisyou.com, or the St. Anthony Parish office.



Our Stewardship of Treasure

Date	Weekend Collection	Budgeted Amount	Difference
Oct. 26	\$8,995.35	\$12,880.00	(\$3,884.65)
Nov. 2	\$15,846.00	\$12,880.00	+\$2,966.00
Nov. 9	\$13,270.20	\$12,880.00	+\$390.20
Nov. 16	\$12,416.38	\$12,880.00	(\$463.62)

Thank you for your generosity and support!

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1Peter 4:10)

Ways to continue supporting Sacred Heart Parish:

In Person: Place donation in the offertory basket at Mass or slip it through the parish drop box.

Online: https://pushpay.com/g/sacredhearteffingham Mail: 405 S. Henrietta Street, Effingham, IL 62401

Join Fr. Michal Rosa for a Catholic Journey through Turkey May 17-30, 2026. Enjoy an unforgettable 14 days traveling through the historic and spiritual heart of Turkey. The cost of \$5,690/person includes all transportation, tickets to destinations, daily breakfast and dinner, and accommodation in 3-4 star hotels for the duration of the trip. For more details, talk to Fr. Michal or visit sheff.org.

SCRIP cards are great for the holidays! They can be given as gifts or used to make every day purchases. Purchase SCRIP cards after Masses, in the church office, or online at www.raiseright.com/shop. For details, contact shscrip@sheff.org or 217-347-7177.







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