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Message from Fr. Michal . . .

This week, we celebrate All Saints Day, All Souls Day, and a special Mass for our parishioners who passed away this past year. Please check the Mass schedule on page 2. See you in church!!



Our next servers meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 6:01pm in the church. I invite all current and new servers to be at this meeting to review your role as a server and discuss the upcoming special Masses.

From Nov. 1-8, you will have the opportunity to get plenary indulgences.

To receive a plenary indulgence, you need to first go to confession, then each day during this time period you are required to say prayers, receive communion, be free of venial sin, and make a visit to the cemetery from Nov. 1-8. I will be going after the morning Mass to the cemetery, so please join me. An indulgence is defined as "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due for sins already forgiven as far as their guilt is concerned." The first thing to note is that forgiveness of a sin is separate from punishment for the sin. Through sacramental confession we obtain forgiveness, but we aren't let off the hook as far as punishment goes. Indulgences are two kinds: partial and plenary. A partial indulgence removes part of the temporal punishment due for sins. A plenary indulgence removes all of it. A plenary indulgence is the remission, through the merits of Christ and the saints, through the Church, of all temporal punishment due to sin already forgiven. This punishment may come either in this life, in the form of various sufferings, or in the next life, in purgatory. What we don't get rid of here, we suffer there.

Join me at Adoration on Monday, Nov. 7, from 9:00am until 8:00pm. Please, sign up in the church narthex or at www.signupgenius.com/go/904054faea723a0f58-adoration5. Reconciliation is available from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on your faith life and pray.





You are invited to join me on a Pilgrimage to Poland from May 21, 2023 to June 2, 2023. I am working on the itinerary and doing preliminary planning. Please let me know if you would be interested in going!

Masses have been scheduled for All Saints Day, All Souls Day, and a special Mass for our parishioners who have passed away from Nov. 1, 2021 through Oct. 31, 2022.

All Saints Day: Monday, Oct. 31 @ 7:00pm; Tuesday, Nov. 1 @ 8:30am & 7:00pm

All Souls Day: Wednesday, Nov. 2: 7:00am; 8:30am; 12:10pm

Special Mass for the Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Church: Thursday, Nov. 3 @ 7:00pm

At Sacred Heart Parish, we have two beautiful November traditions:

The Book of Remembrances and Jacob's Ladder

- 1. Jacob's Ladder is the colloquial name of a bridge between the earth and heaven that the biblical Patriarch Jacob dreamt about. Origin explains there are two ladders in the life of a Christian: the ladder we climb on earth to grow in virtue and the ladder we travel after death, climbing up to the heavens towards the light of God. So, if you have a picture of a family member who died this year, we encourage you to place it on the ladder where we all can keep the memory of your loved one alive in thought and prayer.
- 2. The Book of Remembrances, also known as the "Book of Life," gives us an opportunity to record the names of our deceased loved ones for the parish to remember in prayer during the month of November. It will be placed near the Jacob's ladder in the church. We invite you to take some prayer time, approach



the book, and write the names of family and friends who have died since November of 2021. During November, at all the Masses, we will pray for those "whose names are recorded in our Book of Remembrances." For those we have loved in life will remain in our hearts forever.



Beginning in November, we are forming a Church Care Committee. committee will meet monthly and write hand-written cards to members of our church. The cards will be written to those who are sick, depressed, forgotten, and lonely. Also, the cards will be sent to celebrate moments in life (such as new babies, achievements, and successes). The first meeting of the Care Committee is Monday, Nov. 7, at 9:15am, in the church narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Billi in the church office. Lastly, if you have any unused greeting cards to donate to this committee, please drop those off to the church office.

Answering your questions on dying and death . . .

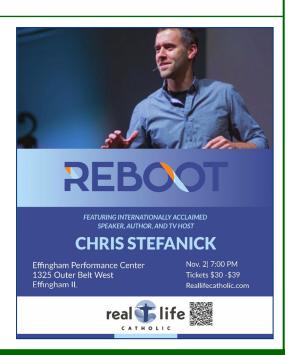
The diocese has put together an easy to navigate and comprehensive look at end-of-life issues. Go to dio.org/funeral for questions like:

- Why should one pre-plan their funeral?
- **♦** If my loved one is dying, what should I do?
- Why must one insist on Catholic funeral rites?
- Why should one pray for the dead?
- Who should one insist upon being buried in a Catholic cemetery? Also covered is the issue of cremation, among other topics.

As the month of November is dedicated to praying for the dead, now is a good time to learn more about dying and death from our Catholic faith perspective.

"Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26



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



~ Prayer List ~

Britney (Walters) Chester, Richard Bushur, Zaelon Rohwedder, Barbara Hoefft

Flowers by the tabernacle were donated by Judy Colburn in memory of the †Robert and †Gertrude Pruemer Family.





PSR Family Night "An Attitude of Gratitude" will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 6:30pm, in

the Sacred Heart Parish Center. All PSR families are encouraged to join us for this evening of fellowship.

Mattoon Deanery Council Catholic Women meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Sacred Heart, 210 N Pine St. in Villa Grove. Registration begins at 9:00am, with



Holy Mass at 9:30am. Meeting, lunch, and then a white elephant auction (wrapped gift, check or cash accepted) will conclude the day. Any questions, contact MDCCW President: Jody Secondino-Crandell 812.208.4293 or jscrandell@yahoo.com.



The November issue of the Word Among Us is available in the church narthex. It contains daily readings and meditations for each day. There is a powerful story on a woman's transformation as she spent time at Eucharistic Adoration. Please take home your FREE copy and read it daily.

Sacred Heart Church Calendar

Tuesday, November 1

9:15am: Small group fellowship @ Church Narthex 6:01pm: Servers Meeting @ Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday, November 2

6:30pm: PSR Family Night @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Friday, November 4

4:30pm-7:00pm: SHS Soup Supper @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

7:00pm: SHS Talent Show @ Sacred Heart Gym

Sunday, November 6

11:30am: Symbolon Class @ Church Narthex

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

Formed is a <u>free</u> subscription compliments of Sacred Heart Parish. The website has many programs, videos, and resources. Go to Formed.org to sign up!!

Readings for the Week

Monday, Oct. 31: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, Nov. 1: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a **Wednesday, Nov. 2:** Wis 3:1-9; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Thursday, Nov. 3: Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10 Friday, Nov. 4: Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8 Saturday, Nov. 5: Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, Nov. 6: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5;

Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, October 31

8:30am: †Barbara Purcell; Living & Deceased Members of

the †Jerry Vonderheide Family **7:00pm:** †Brian A. Niebrugge

Tuesday, November 1 8:30am: †Jerry Stock

7:00pm: For Our Parishioners

Wednesday, November 2

7:00am: For All Souls in Purgatory

8:30am: Jim Painter

12:10pm: For the Intentions of the Pope

Thursday, November 3

8:30am: All of the Souls in Purgatory Especially Deceased

Members of FOSS

7:00pm: For All Parishioners Who Died This Past Year

Friday, November 4 8:30am: †Michael Hoffman

Saturday, November 5

4:00pm: Living & Deceased Members of the Bob Overbeck

Family

Sunday, November 6 8:30am: †Doug Bushue

10:30am: For Our Parishioners

7:00pm Spanish Mass: Tony Niebrugge Family

We enjoyed a beautiful, faith-filled trip to Springfield this week. The trip included a presentation about the Evermode Institute and its rich history with the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, who started our Effingham's St. Anthony Hospital, as well as other hospitals throughout Illinois and Wisconsin. This presentation included a video interview with one of the sisters who was present for the St. Anthony Hospital fire in 1949. It was very touching to hear her first-hand account of that tragedy. Following that presentation, we were able to tour the breathtaking St. Francis of Assisi Church on the Evermode property, while seeing and learning about some of its special and historical features. We ended our time there with a special Mass and lunch. We then drove across town to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception where we had a tour with Fr. Dominic Vahling who pointed out the history and stories behind the design and uniqueness of the Cathedral. We ended the day with a quick stop at Blessed Sacrament Parish to experience that beautiful church as well. Each of the three churches had its own style and history but each added spiritual enrichment to our day. We are looking forward to our next pilgrimage! Location TBA!

















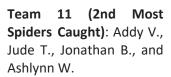
Mrs. Habing's fifth grade class visited the Young Hearts Potluck last week! They shared information about a class project they just completed. Each student wrote a story about a new country they designed. They were able to create their own landmarks,

capital, seasons, terrain, etc. They shared maps of their countries and explained some of the things in their countries. There were many vivid stories including lands filled with candy volcanoes, glitter streams, hunting themes, horse themes, and more! Each student's personality and interests were evident in the types of things found in their countries!

Our sixth, seventh, and eighth graders joined together for an end-of-the-quarter celebration. Students completed a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) challenge to create a device to catch the most spiders and spend the least amount of money per spider. Students came up with some clever and successful designs!

And the winners were:

Team 10 (Most Spiders Caught and Most Economical): Freddie J., Brylee W., Taylor F., and Brooklynn I.



Team 12 (2nd Most Economical): Daniel R., Taylor T., Lucy C., and Emma P.









All veterans and their family and friends are invited to a "Veteran's Day Prayer Service" on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 8:30am, in the SHS gym.

School News . . .

Join us for a night of food and entertainment at the Shamrocks Shine Art & Talent Show and Soup Supper on Friday, Nov. 4.



The <u>Talent Show</u> will start at 7:00pm in the gym. Performances will be by Sacred Heart students, staff, and parents. Cost for admission is \$5 per adult, \$3 per student, ages 4 and under are free.

The <u>Soup Supper</u> will be from 4:30pm to 7:00pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Menu is a bowl of chili or chicken noodle soup (choose one or try a little of both), choice of hot dog or grilled cheese breadstick, cheese & crackers, dessert, and drink. Prices: Large is \$8.00; Small is \$5.00. *Everyone is invited to both events*.



Congratulations to Mara Braun who was the winner of the PTA Art/Talent Show T-Shirt Contest. The shirts are available to purchase from Beanstalk Boutique through the following link:

https://thebeanstalkboutique.commentsold.com/ products/shs-hand-drawn-shirt

A portion of the sales will go back to the PTA . . . thank you Beanstalk Boutique!

A special tradition at Sacred Heart is the "buddy program" which pairs Jr. High students with our younger students. Recently, Fr. Zach greeted our kindergarten students and their "buddies" who now join us for our school Mass on Wednesdays. It creates a wonderful bond between our students and sets a great example of leadership.



Sacred Heart School Calendar

Sunday, October 30

2:00pm: SHS Band is marching in the Halloween Parade

Tuesday, November 1

6:00pm: Girls Basketball @ Stew-Stras/Windsor

Wednesday, November 2

6:00pm: Boys Basketball @ Mulberry Grove Jr./Sr. High

Friday, November 4

Noon Dismissal, No Lunch Served 4:30pm-7:00pm: Soup Supper

@ Sacred Heart Parish Center

7:00pm: Talent Show @ Sacred Heart School gym



Trick-or-Treat, sponsored by the Effingham K of C Council #665 will be Sunday, Oct. 30, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Drive through after the

Effingham Halloween parade to receive a treat bag.

St. Clare Church, Altamont, Annual Chili Supper will be Sunday, Oct. 30, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Menu is chili, chicken noodle soup, BBQ sandwich, hot dog, and desserts for a free-will donation. Carry-out available.



Natural Family Planning workshop will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9:00am-10:30am, at St. Francis Church, Teutopolis. To register, call Kate Pruemer at 217.821.1840 or email kpruemer@gmail.com.

Tours of the Teutopolis Monastery Museum, located behind St. Francis Church, Teutopolis, will be available on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 12:30pm to 4:00pm. An elevator is available for visitors who have difficulty with stairs. Admission fee is \$5.00-adults and \$1.00-children.



Victory March for Life trip to Washington DC.

Are you interested in going to 1 last March for Life in Washington DC to march in VICTORY for the overturning of Roe vs Wade? If we can

fill a bus, we will make this happen. We will leave on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, and returning on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023. Adults, please call or text Diann Ruholl, at 217.663.2056, for information. Underage students must have a parent or guardian to chaperone. *The deadline to call is Nov. 14, 2022.*

St. Mary's of the Assumption Church, Neoga, will host their Fall Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 7:00am to noon, in the Assumption Hall, 670 N. Walnut, Neoga. Carry-out available.

You are invited to the annual St. Hildegard Von Bingen Schola Christmas concert on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 1:00pm, at St. Anthony Church, in Effingham. The all trebles choir will feature current and alumni members in the concert. Please join us for this free one-hour concert and a reception following at the Effingham Event Center.

St. Thomas Soup Supper, Newton, will be held on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 10:30am to 2:30pm, in the St. Thomas Parish Center. Proceeds benefit St. Thomas Church and School.

UPCOMING INITIATION: Knights of Columbus Council #665 will hold an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (Third Degree Initiation) on Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Effingham Event



Center. Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30am. The Third Degree ceremony will begin at 12:30pm and will take just over thirty minutes to complete. This ceremony is open to your family. If any Third Degree members would then like to join the Fourth Degree, an Exemplification for the Patriotic (Fourth) Degree will begin at 1:45pm. This initiation is not open to your family but entertainment will be provided for them while you are in the ceremony. A dinner for all new members and their families will be held at 3:45pm. If you are interested in joining and/or have questions, contact Grand Knight Charlie Tegeler at 217.663.4797 or Membership Director Bob Utz at 217.994.4140.



Effingham County Fish Human Services is hosting the 18th Annual Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 24. All

meals will be delivered or available for curbside pickup from 11:00am to noon at the Cornerstone Christian Church, 3600 South Banker, Effingham. Please call the Senior Center at 217.347.5569 by noon on Nov. 21 to reserve your meals. Meals are free to all Effingham County residents and their families. Volunteers are needed to help package and deliver meals. Please, call Susan Elke at 217.868.5913 to volunteer.

Effingham County Christmas Store

The FISH & Catholic Charities Christmas Store will be providing services for Effingham County families struggling with financial hardship. Family registration will only be available ONLINE, and parents will be required to complete an interest inventory on each child. If you know an Effingham County family that could benefit from the Christmas Store, have them register at: https://forms.gle/juL5ybCUshheFqww9. Registration will be open from Nov. 1-Nov. 23. 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. For information, contact Molly Bushue mollybushue@gmail.com or 217.254.0777.



Thank you to Chelsie who spoke at our Masses last weekend about Empower Illinois. She was very passionate about the value of this program and the impact it makes on families. She stated that there are still 12 Sacred Heart School families waiting to see if additional funding becomes available for this year. As she stated, Catholic schools are a mission of the church, so any funding that can be obtained through Empower Illinois helps the school and the church.

Please consider donating to Empower Illinois to help provide families, who meet income requirements and complete an application process, with scholarships to attend Sacred Heart School. To encourage participation in this program, donors are eligible to receive a 75% state tax credit!!

For detailed instructions on how to donate, go to the Empower website (www.empowerillinois.org). On the home page click on DONATE. Then go down that page to HELPFUL RESOURCES. Click "How to Donate Step-By-Step Guide".

When the Invest in Kids Act passed in 2017, it created the Tax Credit Scholarship (TCS) Program as a five-year pilot program. Despite many attempts to cut or eliminate the program, Empower Illinois was granted a one-year extension in 2021. However, it will end in 2023 if not extended again or made permanent.

If you wish to donate and have any questions, please contact Julie Roedl at 217.663.5482 or by email at julieroedl@gmail.com or talk to Fr. Michal.

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Envelopes: \$ 7,888.56 Loose Collection: \$ 1,077.16 **Total:** \$ **8,965.72**

"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. Anthony Cemetery Board plans to pour two concrete runners in the cremation section along with a concrete access area. The cost for this project is \$16,000. The Board is also starting the process of developing the empty north lot for future cemetery use. There is an envelope in your November packet. Your donations are appreciated!

The St. Anthony Cemetery Board would like to thank Bart Willenborg (Sexton of the cemetery), Richard Hoene (assistant to Bart), and Paul and Shannon Sloan (the mowers), who all work together keeping the cemetery looking its best all year.





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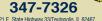
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