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Catholic Parish & School



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 26, 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 Next Saturday is November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints, which presents the opportunity for plenary indulgences. Fr. Michal will be going to the cemetery each day after 8:30am Mass from November 1-8. Everyone is welcome! 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 November 1-8.

An indulgence is defined as "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due for sins already forgive 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.

Our All Saints' Day Mass will be Saturday, November 1, at 8:30am. That evening we will have our 4:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass for All Souls' Day. All Saint's Day celebrates the feast or solemnity of all the saints in Heaven, both saints recognized by the Church as holy men and women and those who remain unknown.

On All Souls' Day - Sunday, November 2 - Masses will be at 8:30am and 10:30am. All Souls' Day honors all of the faithful departed.



Please come for Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, November 3, between 9:00am-6:00pm. This is always a special opportunity for quiet prayer and reflection. Adoration will end right before our Mass of Remembrance at 6:30pm.

A special Mass of Remembrance will be Monday, November 3, at 6:30pm.

This Mass honors all parishioners and parishioners' loved ones who have passed away in the past year. Everyone is welcome, whether you have lost a loved one this year or not. It is simply a chance for us to come together to honor and remember those who have gone before us. Refreshments will be served in the narthex following Mass.

Prayer List: Nicole Bishop, Bill Weis, Maria Dolores Kingery, Karly Brummer, Tom Palmer, Alice Wines, Brenda Harris, Trevor Roy, Cis Ozenkoski, Doris Sieler, Cheryl Rentfrow, Mary Jane Behrman, Jaclyn Rhodes, Fr. Robert Spriggs, Karen Rueter, Jackson Gaitros, Fr. Zach Patibandla, Keith Willenborg, Robert Overbeck

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. ♥

LOST & A key fob was left at church a few weeks ago. If this is yours, you can claim it in the **FOUND** church office. Additional Lost & Found items are also located in the office and narthex.

SACRED HEART CHURCH & SCHOOL CALENDAR

Month of the Join us in October to pray the Holy Holy Rosary To honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- Monday Thursday following 8:30am Mass
- Fridays at 8:00am
- Saturdays following 4:00pm Mass
- Sundays following 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Flame of Love Rosary on Wednesdays at 3:30pm

Sunday, October 26

₱ Date Night for Married & Engaged Couples 4:00pm

Monday, October 27-Friday, October 31

© Scholastic Book Fair in parish center

Monday, October 27

© Girls' BB Home vs. Altamont 6:00pm

Tuesday, October 28

- © Grades K/1 Celebrate Day 50
- © Grades 2 & 3 Field Trip to Aikman Wildlife
- © Girls' BB 8th Grade NTC Tourn. (Oct. 28-Nov. 1)
- ⊕ Ministry Meeting: EMHC 6:30pm in church

Wednesday, October 29

- Parish Choir Practice 5:30pm
- © SHS Sportsbackers Mtg 6:00pm, Effingham Event Ctr.
- ⊕ PSR Classes at Sacred Heart School 6:30pm
- ⊕ E.T.C. Effingham Teen Catholics Group in church lower level 7:00pm

Thursday, October 30

⊕ Men's Prayer Group in narthex 7:00pm

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

December 2, 2025: CCW Christmas Party 6:00pm January 17, 2026: Trivia Night at Sacred Heart 5:00pm March 14, 2026: St. Pat's Bash



The flowers by the tabernacle were donated by Judy Colburn for the living and deceased members of the †Robert and †Gertrude Pruemer family. If you would like to donate flowers for an upcoming

weekend, contact Vicki Walker at 217-821-6179.

Happy 90th Birthday!

Theresa Zumbahlen will be celebrating her 90th birthday on October 31, 2025. Cards can be

sent to her at: 2 S. Lakewood, Effingham IL 62401. A party will be held in her honor on Sunday, November 16 at the Effingham Event Center from 2pm-4pm.



November 11 is Veteran's Day. We will have a special display in the narthex to honor our veterans. If you are a veteran or if you have a

family member or friend who is a veteran, we would love to include a picture of you/them with our display. If you have a photo to share, please put it in a frame with your name on the back, and then place it in the basket in the narthex. We will return it to you after Veterans Day. Thank you for your service!

Save the Date! Join us for a fun night with Amy's Traveling Trivia on Saturday, January 17. We will have a potluck after 4:00pm Mass followed by trivia in the parish center. There is no cost to attend and everyone is invited! Tables can be reserved by contacting Judy Bergfeld at 217-821-6324.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 27

8:30am: †Susan Schmidt, †Kenneth Kreke, Special Intention, †Jerry Brickley, Living & Deceased Members of the †Robert and †Gertrude Pruemer Family

Tuesday, October 28

8:30am: John and †Dolores Kingery

Wednesday, October 29

8:30am: †Michael Kenter

Thursday, October 30

8:30am: †Jim Painter

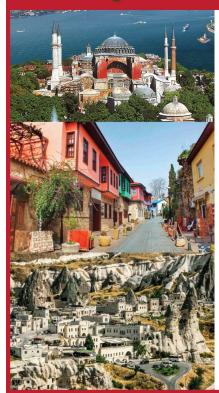
Saturday, November 1—All Saints' Day

8:30am: For Our Parishioners 4:00pm: †Robert Waitkus

Sunday, November 2—All Souls' Day

8:30am: †Jane Wernsing 10:30am: For Our Parishioners 5:00pm: La Misa en Español

Mary & the Mysteries of Revelation



----- A Catholic Journey through Turkey ------May 17-30, 2026

Journey with Fr. Michal Rosa through Turkey, visiting ruins from the Seven Churches of Revelation, the traditional house of the Virgin Mary, and many locations of the Apostles and the early church.

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CCW News

The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women (CCW) met on Tuesday, October 7, in the parish center. 25 ladies attended the meeting along with Father Michal. Bart Willenborg

gave an informative talk about guidelines at the cemetery. Father Michal also gave an informative talk about death and the burial process in accordance with the Catholic Church. Many items were discussed at the meeting, including: changing the start time of meetings to 6:00pm, rosary signup, upcoming Adoration, potluck on the 3rd Tuesday, repairs of Mary statues, and saving books for the February Book Sale. A special thank you to Jane Kistner, Ruth Bushue, and Judy Amacher for providing delicious desserts and door prizes.

CCW ladies are asked to help at the Silk Purse during the month of October. The next work day is scheduled for October 30th. Keep in mind that you can work anytime, just make sure to sign-in as a CCW member from Sacred Heart. Husbands/men are welcome too!

There will be no CCW meeting in November. The next meeting is the Christmas party on December 2.



<u>HELP NEEDED</u>: Multiple parishioners have reached out to the parish office asking for help with a few basic tasks at their homes. Following is a list of the help needed. If your family can assist with any of these tasks, please call the church office at 217-347-7177.

- 1. Clean sidewalks
- 2. Yardwork



Look what was found at our 'old school' building! The flooring was recently redone at the Banker Street entrance of the FS building (Cromwell Radio and several other businesses are also

housed there). When they took up the tile floor, they found this engraved granite block underneath; what a fun walk down memory lane! The Banker Street building was built in 1954 and our school was housed there until our current building was built in 1997.

Our annual Ministry Meetings have started and will continue over the next few weeks as we meet with each ministry group. The meetings will conclude with snacks and drinks in the narthex. Please mark your calendar to attend the meeting(s) for the ministries that you participate in. If you are interested in joining a new group, then please come to the meeting and join! Meetings will be at 6:30pm on the following dates:

October 28 - EMHC***
November 4 - Lectors
November 11 - Ushers

November 18 - Greeters & Gift Bearers

*** Attention Eucharistic Ministers *** It is especially important for you to attend the EMHC ministry meeting as all Eucharistic Ministers need to be recommissioned annually in order to continue distributing Holy Communion. This is your opportunity to be recommissioned. Thank you!



Earlier this month, several of our parishioners traveled to Vandalia to pray at the Sanctuary of the Sorrowful Mother and see relics from Saint Charbel, Blessed Anna Marie Taigi, Blood of Padre Pio, Fr. Peter Rookey's Cross with a piece of the true Cross, St. Andre Bessette, the 3 Fatima children, and Carlo Acutis. The group took our Sacred Heart bus and is shown here praying with Fr. Michal before they left.



At Sacred Heart Parish, we have two beautiful November traditions: The Book of Remembrances and Jacob's Ladder.

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 Catholic: 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. Each November we set up our own 'Jacob's Ladder' and display photos of parishioners and friends/family of parishioners who have passed away in the past year. If you have a picture of a friend or 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.

The Book of Remembrances gives us an opportunity to record the names of our deceased loved ones for the parish to remember in prayer. 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 2024. We will pray for those "whose names are recorded in our Book of Remembrances" during the month of November. For those we have loved in life will remain in our hearts forever.

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

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Celebration Weekend







Thank you

We continue to be grateful for everyone who has donated to the Strengthen & Secure Campaign. Thank you for your generosity and support! We invite you to join us for cupcakes in the narthex after Masses this weekend. Let's celebrate together!

Status Update

We have surpassed our Minimum Goal of \$1,200,000! Having received an additional \$10,000 this past week, we are currently a little over \$1,600,000. However, we do still prayerfully hope to reach our Ultimate Goal of \$2,000,000.

Giving

If you have not already pledged or donated, would you consider doing so? Gifts of any amount are both needed and appreciated! Donating to the campaign is special sacrificial giving that will make a positive impact in the lives of our students, parish/school families, and guests. Having reached our Minimum Goal and having already tithed 10% to the diocese for its campaign improvements, now 100% of the money raised will stay right here at Sacred Heart!

If you would like to contribute to this important endeavor, pledge cards are available in the pews, in the narthex, or in the church office. 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)".

Project Progress

Thank you!

- ♦ Landscaping was put in this week and is a great finishing touch to our updated entrances.
- Work continues on the new water feature.
- ♦ Work will begin soon on the gravel parking lot to replace it with concrete.
- ◆ Security Enhancements at SHS have begun.



Mark your calendar for our upcoming St. Pat's Bash on Saturday, March 14, 2026. 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 already making plans for an awesome evening! If you have any ideas for Live or Silent Auction items, we would love to hear them. Also, if you have anything to donate, please let us know that as well. Auction items can include physical items (purchased or homemade), event tickets or 'experience' items, as well as destination packages (Air BnBs, condos, etc.). Please contact Andrea Wright (a.wright@sheff.org) or Ashley Dow (mrsashleydow@gmail.com.org) if you have ideas or donations. Thank you!



Our "Fill the Freezer" Meat Sale Fundraiser ends Friday, October 31. Orders can be placed in the collection basket, in the parish dropbox (located outside the east parish office doors), or in the parish/school

offices. Thank you for supporting our school and our Shamrock Parent Association!

Please join us for our Scholastic Book Fair this week. A portion of each sale goes back to our school library! Each K-8 class will visit the Book Fair and students will have opportunities throughout the week to shop. Parents and grandparents are welcome to come shop—books make great Christmas and birthday gifts! The Book Fair will be open in the parish center during the following hours:

- ⇒ Monday, October 27: 11:00am-2:30pm
- ⇒ Tuesday, October 28: 7:30am-2:00pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, October 29: 9:30am-2:30pm
- ⇒ Thursday, October 30: 7:30am-2:30pm
- ⇒ Friday, October 31: 7:30am-12:00pm



On Thursday, October 23, our sixth graders went to St. Anthony Grade School for a day of reflection centered around learning more about following the call to a vocation in service to God. The theme was "Fully Alive - 6th Grade Vocations Day." They attended breakout sessions to discuss and learn about their relationship with God, their identity as Catholics as sons and daughters of Jesus Christ, and their mission as disciples and followers of Jesus Christ. Keep them, and all young people, in your prayers as they grow in their relationship with God and reflect on what it means to truly give their lives to God.

We are Hiring!



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- Prior experience in band and lessons preferred, but not required

Volleyball Coach

- Part-time
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must have fundamental knowledge of volleyball
- Prior experience preferred, but not required



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Our students celebrated Red Ribbon Week this past week with some fun themes each day:

Monday- "Lei Off Drugs"

- Students could wear leis and other Hawaiian attire
- Officer Cody Hartke talked to Junior High students Tuesday- "Too Bright for Drugs"
- Morning prayer announcement about keeping your future bright without drugs
- Students could wear bright, neon clothes

Wednesday- "Sweet Choices, No Drugs"

• Student Council passed out candy

Thursday- "Pajama Day"

Students could wear pajamas or comfortable clothes

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SonRise Fridays - All Men Leaders!

This week, we will discuss the leadership trait which is needed in laying a foundation for the future. We will see how a Christian culture is formed and how a Christian culture has the ability to collapse before our eyes. Men, you have a greater role than we know! Don't miss this eye-opening session! Come for food, fellowship and faith 6:15am – 7:30am, Friday, at the St. Anthony Parish Center in Effingham. All men are welcome. Learn more at thatmanisyou.com, or contact Tom Purcell at 217-821-7077, or Dan Woods at 217-821-1495.

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Date	Weekend Collection	Budgeted Amount	Difference
Oct. 5	\$14,611.00	\$12,880.00	+\$1,731.00
Oct. 12	\$17,704.40	\$12,880.00	+\$4,824.40
Oct. 19	\$8,016.00	\$12,880.00	(\$4,864.00)
Oct. 26			

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

St. Clare Catholic Church in Altamont will host a Chili Supper on Sunday, October 26, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. It is a free-will donation and carry out is available. The menu consists of: chili or chicken noodle soup, pulled pork sandwich or hot dog, and homemade desserts. There will also be a country store.

Father R. Dean Probst is hosting a 12-day pilgrimage to Italy from April 13-24, 2026. The pilgrimage will visit Venice, Florence, Assisi, Monoppello, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotundo, Monte Sant'Angelo, Sorrento, Pompeii, Monte Cassino, Rome with Papal Audience. \$5,299 from St. Louis. Contact Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 or rdprobst@gmail.com for more info.





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