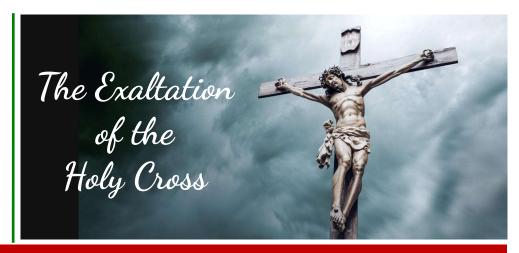
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Catholic Parish & School



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - September 14, 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

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

Healing Rosary:

Mondays at 9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monthly on First Monday 9:00am-8:00pm Reconciliation 7:00-8:00pm On the Feast of the Exaltation of the cross (or Triumph of the Cross), we honor the Holy Cross by which Christ redeemed the world. The cross represents the One Sacrifice by which Jesus accomplished our salvation through His Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection.

As we reflect on this special day, we remember Jesus' words to us, "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it. and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 10:38,39). These words unite us with Christ's obedience and sacrifice; empowering us to rejoice with the hope of salvation and the glory of everlasting life.

Join us at **Family** Mass!

Next Sunday-September 21-we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10:30am. We encourage all SHS and PSR families to come and celebrate together! SHS students in grades K-2 will be performing a couple of songs immediately following Mass. PSR and SHS students will be

involved with Mass ministries. Following Mass, there will be Niemerg's chicken and a potluck lunch in the parish center. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. All Sacred Heart Church and School families are invited!



Millions of **Monicas** celebrates one year in the **Effingham Community on** Monday, September 15, at Sacred Heart Church! Join us for prayer from 6:00-7:00pm followed by refreshments and fellowship in the church narthex. ΑII mothers.

grandmothers, aunts and Godmothers are invited! Even if you have never been before, please come check it out and celebrate with us!

Millions of mothers have watched their children abandon their Catholic faith in a chaotic, stressful, and struggling world. This prayer group is a way we can come together as believers and lift up our children in prayer. Millions of Monicas meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. For more information, visit www.millionsofmonicas.com.



The flowers by the tabernacle were donated by Jack and Janice Wear in memory of Henry and Virginia Wendt. If you would like to donate flowers for an upcoming weekend, please contact Vicki Walker at 217-821-6179.



October is designated as the Month of the Rosary to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. At Sacred Heart Church, we will be praying the rosary daily in honor of Mary. The rosary will be prayed: Monday through Thursday following our 8:30am Mass, Fridays at 8:00am, Saturday

following our 4:00pm Mass, Sunday following both the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Everyone is welcome!

SACRED HEART CHURCH & SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday, September 15

- ₱ Pray the Healing Rosary in church 9:00am
- ⊕ Millions of Monicas Prayer Group in church 6:00pm
 With One Year Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday, September 16

- © Picture Day for K-8, Prek TuTh & Groups
- ₱ Young Hearts Potluck in parish center 12:00pm
- ₱ Parish Council Meeting in narthex 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 17

- © Picture Day for Prek MWF & M-F
- ⊕ Group visit to Willowbrook Memory Care 1:00pm
- © Baseball Regionals TBD
- © Band Instrument Trial Night in music room 5:30pm
- ₱ PSR Classes at Sacred Heart School 6:30pm
- ⊕ E.T.C. Effingham Teen Catholics Group in church lower level 7:00pm

Thursday, September 18

- © Grandparents Mass 1:30pm (All K-8 grandparents welcome!)
- ⊕ Men's Prayer Group in church narthex 7:00pm

Friday, September 19

☺ No School—School Improvement Day

Saturday, September 20

- © Baseball Sectionals TBD
- ⊕ Young Women's Group (age 20s-40s) in narthex 7:30am

Sunday, September 21

<u>Prayer List:</u> Nicole Bishop, Bill Weis, Mary Jane Behrman, Maria Dolores Kingery, Karly Brummer, Tom Palmer, Alice Wines, Brenda Harris, Trevor Roy, Cis Ozenkoski, Bill Hardiek, Bob Hille, Carol Perkins, Doris Sieler, Cheryl Rentfrow, Mary Jane Behrman.

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. \blacktriangledown



Join us for our Young Hearts Potluck on Tuesday, September 16, at 12:00pm in the parish center. Meat will be provided; please bring a side dish to share. Even if you have never been to our potluck

before, we welcome you to come and join the fun!

Flame of Love Rosary Prayer Group Wednesdays from 3:30-4:10 Sacred Heart Church, Effingham

No commitment - come when it works for you Introduction and prayer sheets available Please join us - everyone is welcome! www.flameof love.us



Project Rachel: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the Good News of God's merciful love. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5. Pray that many will seek and receive the gift of God's infinite mercy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 15

8:30am: †George Westjohn, †Marion Burford,

†Dan and †Lucille Reardon,

†Kenneth Kreke, †Adele Rhodes

†Robert Wirth, Sr.

Tuesday, September 16

8:30am: †Brian A Niebrugge

Wednesday, September 17

8:30am: †Rich Rieman

Thursday, September 18

8:30am: †Pat Hayes, †Dolores Klee, and

†Georgette Broxton

Saturday, September 20

4:00pm: For Our Parishioners

Sunday, September 21

8:30am: †Arthur Kingery 10:30am: †Floyd Wilson 5:00pm: La Misa en Español

Council of Catholic Women

The Sacred Heart CCW met on Tuesday, September 2, for their first meeting of this fall. 31 ladies along with Father Michal attended the meeting. The meeting began with

Father Michal leading in prayer, and then the Treasurer and Secretary reports were read and approved. Meeting Notes:

- WOW the line-dancing activity was a huge hit! Local ladies, including 2 Sacred Heart parishioners, gave a great demonstration of dances to many popular songs.
- Volunteers are needed to work at the Silk Purse in September and October. Please contact Vicki Walk to signup. Husbands/men are welcome too!
- When you donate items to Silk Purse, please mention to the staff that you are with Sacred Heart so the items are credited to Sacred Heart Church.
- ◆ A big thank you to the ladies who provided desserts for the recent funeral dinners - it is much appreciated.
- ◆ The 50/50 prize was won by Janice Wear. Many door prizes were awarded and all the prizes were apple-themed.
- A special thank you goes to Vicki Walker, Judy Bergfeld, and Linda Buehnerkemper for providing delicious apple-themed desserts.
- ◆ All ladies of the parish are invited to the next CCW meeting on October 7th in the parish center.

Do you need help moving furniture or boxes, landscaping assistance, or anything else that is a potential burden for you? Our Parish Council is sponsoring "Church Service Days" in October during which we would like to match volunteers from our parish with members of the parish who need help with something at home. If we can be of assistance to you, please call Judy Bergfeld at 217-821-6324 or Michelle Kruger at 217-342-5477. We want to lend a helping hand!



Love to sing? All men and women, high school age and up, are invited and encouraged to join the Sacred Heart Parish Choir. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm in the church

and typically sing at Mass once a month and on special occasions. You do not need to be able to read music nor are you required to be at every practice; join us when you can! The first practice will be Wednesday, September 17, at 5:30pm. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Joan at 217-663-3049.

All teens in 9th-12th grades are invited to our E.T.C. group which meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the church lower level. Come for faith, fellowship, games, and pizza!

We are Hiring

Part-time Band/Music Teacher

- Grades 5-8 individual instrument lessons and whole group lessons 2-3 days per week, afternoons only
 - 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



Submit letter of interest & resume to:

Sacred Heart School Attn: Mrs. Charlotte Habing 407 S. Henrietta St., Effingham, IL 62401 or email: c.habing@sheff.org





Our Shamrock baseball team celebrated eighthgrade night this week before securing a win against Cowden-Herrick/Beecher City. Our eighth graders and their parents were recognized before the game. Those players include Owen Altgilbers, Jack Grunloh, Bryce Hayes, Reuben Jansen, Chris Kenter, Jackson LaSarge, Lucas McDevitt, Will McDevitt, Colton Mette, Kaden Paholke, Logan Schoenhoff, and Gabe Traub. Way to go Shamrocks!



Sacred Heart Catholic Parish & School

Strengthening & Securing the future of Sacred Heart for generations to come.

Campaign Highlights

**More details can be found in our campaign booklet, available in the church narthex or church office. **

Why a capital campaign...

Our Strengthen & Secure Campaign is part of the larger, diocesan-wide Centennial Campaign introduced by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki and the Diocese of Springfield. The goals of our campaign are centered around the four key initiatives of the Centennial Campaign: hospitality, prayer, service, and formation.

How our capital campaign will be structured...

This is a 3-year campaign, meaning donors will have 3 years to complete their pledge. Payments can be made in a lump sum or through a variety of payment schedules.

Our campaign has a two-tiered set of goals:

\$1,200,000 Minimum Goal—Reaching this would provide the following enhancements and improvements:

1. Exterior Enhancements

Following the Fayette Avenue expansion project, our exterior property and grounds are in need of updates and enhancements. Thankfully, our purchase settlement from the state was \$492,000 which provided a nice boost to reaching our minimum campaign goal. Having this portion of funds already secured has allowed us to start many of the exterior enhancements already! Projects covered by the state settlement will include a new water feature, new and updated signage, and beautification of our campus entrances, including a boulevard at the Raney Street entrance. Additional exterior enhancements will be completed as adequate campaign donations are secured. Concrete will be poured to replace the existing west-side gravel parking lot and the dilapidated fencing behind the maintenance shed will be replaced.



2. Security Enhancements

Ensuring the safety and security of those on our church and school campus is always a top priority. With ever -changing safety guidelines and initiatives, this Strengthen & Secure Campaign will help provide the resources needed to add important security enhancements throughout our school building and grounds, further strengthening our ability to protect our students and staff.

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3. School Improvements

Our aging school is in need of updates and improvements. While many of our alumni and parish families still refer to our current school building as the "new school", the building is, in fact, almost 30 years old. Many features are original to the building (1997) and are starting to show their age. Funds raised from the Strengthen & Secure Campaign will be pro-actively earmarked for school improvements such as these:

- ⇒ The tile flooring is cracked and bubbling up in various places, creating unsightly and dangerous areas that need to be replaced. New flooring will look more welcoming and updated, will be less hazardous, and will be more efficient for cleaning and maintenance.
- ⇒ The air-conditioning units (the school has 23 of them!) are outdated and will be replaced as they die out. Our current heating and air system requires many units to accommodate zoned heating and air. New systems are more efficient, require fewer units, and will save money in the long run.









⇒ Our kitchen appliances (walk-in cooler, walk-in freezer, industrial stoves and warmers, etc.) are also aging and starting to give out. Although replacing all of them at once is not an immediate need, we know they are nearing the end of their life expectancy and will need to be replaced soon.

\$2,000,000 Ultimate Goal—Reaching this would provide funds for the items below:

1. Pavilion

Meeting or surpassing our Ultimate Goal will enable us to build a pavilion and outdoor bathrooms near the school playground. This pavilion would provide additional seating at our annual picnic, outdoor classroom space for our teachers and students, and act as a meeting place for other events and activities throughout the year, greatly enhancing our options for outdoor hospitality!



2. Endowment for Sacred Heart School

After providing for the needs listed under our Minimum Goal and building the pavilion, all additional funds will go into our school endowment, creating a larger dividend payout to our school each year. Money raised now will grow over time in this endowment and help strengthen and secure the future of Sacred Heart for generations to come.



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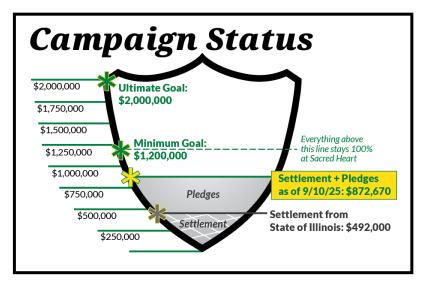
Donating to our Strengthen and Secure campaign is special sacrificial giving that will make a positive impact in the lives of our students, parish/school families, and guests. Gifts of any amount are both needed and appreciated!

Status...

The campaign is going well so far, with our current status at \$872,670! We sincerely thank everyone who has already made a donation or submitted a pledge!

October 4th/5th is Commitment Weekend. It is our goal to have a commitment from 100% of our parishioners by this date. Every gift—large or small, now or later, one-time or pledged over 3 years—matters and is much appreciated!

We will have speakers sharing information about the campaign after all weekend Masses on September 20th/21st and 27th/28th. Representatives will also be available in the narthex to answer any questions you may have. You are also welcome to reach out to Fr. Michal or Billi Jansen in the parish office at any time. They would be happy to talk with you and/or help get your pledge set up.



How you can help...

We invite you to browse through our campaign booklet to see our campaign plans. Booklets are available in the church narthex and the church office. We also encourage you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial offering above and beyond your normal giving to contribute to this important initiative for our parish. Pledge cards are available in the church pews, in the narthex, and in the parish office. We sincerely thank you in advance for your generosity and support!



- Enjoy ice cream with all the toppings!
- Bring high-need items—such as ground meat, eggs, butter, or cooking oil—to support our Food Pantry & Mobile Food Pantry.
- Any monetary donations are also welcomed.
- Make a difference for families in Effingham and the surrounding counties by helping put wholesome meals on their tables.

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St. Mary's Shumway is having a pork chop dinner on September 14 from 4:00-7:00pm at the church. Cost is \$12. It is dine-in or carry-out. You will get 2 pork chops, green beans, baked potato and roll. Purchase tickets by calling Leslie Kemme at 217-821-3399. It is not necessary to pre purchase, but is appreciated.



The St. Francis Church **Picnic** is Saturday, September Teutopolis. 20, in An outdoor Mass will

be held at 4:00pm in the Teutopolis Mini Park behind the church. Music by Mixed Nuts will begin at 3:00pm. Bring your lawn chairs. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be held in church. Picnic grounds will be open following Mass until 11:30pm. Enjoy Bingo, kids' games, cake walk, inflatables, country craft stand, refreshments, hamburger/beer stands, butterfly pork chop sandwich and more! There is an adult raffle featuring \$4,000 and \$2,000 cash prizes, and a kids' raffle featuring a chromebook, trampoline, and more! A Golf Ball Drop will be held at 6:00pm, followed by a Live Auction at 7:00pm. Live entertainment includes Thunder Road from 5:00-7:00pm and Murphy 500 from 8:00-11:30pm.

As September is Suicide Prevention Month, there will be a Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary Help of Christians Green Creek on Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30pm. Mental health awareness is an important aspect of our communities and our parishes, and it is important that we all know that we are not alone and that we support one another. There will be a reception to follow in the parish hall.

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Envelopes: 9,493.00 **Loose Collection** 1,861.75 Total: 11,354.75

"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

Come hear Catholic comedian and radio host, Josh Harris, LIVE at the T-Town KC Hall on Thursday, September 25. Doors open at 6:00pm with a \$10 entry fee. The opening act is oldies band, Solid Gold, performing from 6:00-7:45pm. Josh Harris will perform from 8:00-9:15pm. Event sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

Celebrate the canonization of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlos Acutis and support diocesan vocations! T-shirts celebrating these two young saints are available for order, and 100% of the profits will support vocations to the priesthood in our diocese. To place order. visit your www.sacredheartvirden.com or call 217-965-4545.

Upcoming DeColores Weekends:

Men's Weekend October 16-19, 2025

Men's Lay Leader: Tim Hodge 217-821-0113 Women's Weekend October 23-26, 2025

Women's Lay Leader: Sandy Deters 217-259-2417





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