



SACRED HEART

Catholic Parish

**25th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2023**



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A note from Fr. Michal . . .

REMINDER: The parish office will be closed Monday, September 25 so our staff can attend the parish bus trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO. Please join us in praying for a safe and faith-filled trip!

*Trip attendees: To alleviate traffic congestion at the school and church, we will be meeting on the west side of the Effingham Event Center (KC Hall) parking lot, leaving no later than 7:30am.

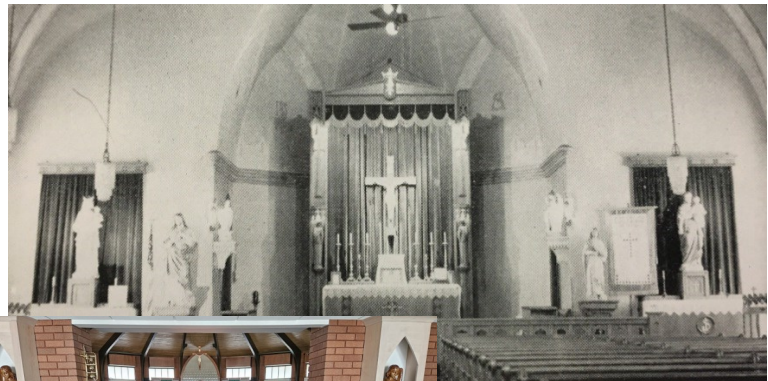


Thank you to all of the grandparents and special guests who joined us on Friday for Grandparent's Day. We appreciate you and all that you do for our school! We pray for God's blessings upon each of you and your families.



Sacred Heart School

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In the original Sacred Heart Church, at the corner of Banker and Fayette, there were 2 angel statues flanking the altar. Those 2 statues have been stored in the

parish offices, waiting for a new resting place. We are excited to announce that we have created a special place for them in our church! When you come for Mass this weekend, you will notice the angels facing you as you enter from the narthex. They are a beautiful and sentimental way to greet those entering Sacred Heart Church. Thank you to Mike and Kim Stanfield for their expertise and help with this project.

Visit www.sheff.org
to learn more about our parish.

During a life emergency, while offices
are closed, please contact
217.703.1042 to reach a priest.

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

Sacred Heart School Calendar

Monday, September 25– Sunday, October 1

Niemerg's Steakhouse "Give Back to Area Schools"
Event with proceeds benefitting SHS

Monday, September 25

Cross Country at Dieterich 4:00pm;
Girls' Basketball at Neoga 6:00pm

Tuesday, September 26

PreK-8 School Pictures

Wednesday, September 27

MWF PreK Pictures, Picture Retakes, and Girls BB, Altar Servers, & Student Council Pictures

Thursday, September 28

Cross Country at Robinson Invitational 3:30pm

Save the Date for the annual ministry meetings. It is important for all of those involved to attend, as we will discuss changes and updates. There are 2 times for each ministry. If you would like to join a new ministry, this is the perfect opportunity to join and learn more!

Lectors - Saturday, September 23, 5:05pm

OR Sunday, September 24, 9:35am

Sacristans - Tuesday, September 26, 5:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers - Saturday, September 30, 5:05pm

OR Sunday, October 1, 9:35am

Gift Bearers & Greeters - Saturday, October 7, 5:05pm

OR Sunday, October 8, 9:35am

Ushers - October 14 at 5:05pm

OR Sunday October 15 at 9:35am

Sacred Heart Church Calendar

Sunday, September 24

9:35am: Lectors Annual Meeting in church;
11:30am: Symbolon Class in church

Monday, September 25

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 26

9:15am: Study Group in church narthex;
5:30pm: Sacristans Annual Meeting in church;
6:30pm: Study Group in church narthex

Wednesday, September 27

No PSR Classes;

5:30pm: Parish Choir practice

Thursday, September 28

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

Friday, September 29

9:00am: Pray the Rosary @ the church

Saturday, September 30

5:05pm: EMHC Annual Meeting in church



~ Prayer List ~

Pat Prichard, Britney (Walters) Chester,
Barb Hoefft, Carolyn Ordner, Tom
Hewing, Bill Foreman, Jackson Gaitros,
Marilyn Lane, Avery Gardewine Braunecker, Holly
Althoff Newburn, Dawson Althoff, Bill Frese, Linda Frese

Rest in Peace

Our sympathy to the family and friends of
†Virginia Wendt

Mass intentions are \$10 and can be scheduled in the parish office Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 3:30pm. Any questions or you would like additional information, please call the parish office at 217.347.7177.



Reminder . . .

Go shopping with SCRIP Cards and earn cash for Sacred Heart School and tuition credit for SHS families! Scrip cards are retailer gift cards that generate rebates to Sacred Heart School. Join our school SCRIP Facebook page "Sacred Heart Scrip" for SCRIP updates & news or email shscrip@sheff.org.

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, September 25

8:30am: †Jerry Stock, †Rita Yocum

Tuesday, September 26

8:30am: †Richard & †Madelyn Koester

Wednesday, September 27

8:30am: †Louis & †Lelia Volk

Thursday, September 28

8:30am: †Diana Fuesting

Friday, September 29

8:30am: †Pat Braun

Saturday, September 30

4:00pm: For Our Parishioners

Sunday, October 1

8:30am: †Clark Wise

10:30am: †Melvin Ziegler

Please join us for a special evening with your spouse.

Pursuing your Spouse's Heart

Featuring
Dana Nygaard

A passionate Catholic speaker dedicated to growing your and your spouse's relationship with Christ.



Saturday, November 18, 2023
Effingham Event Center

5:00pm – Doors open

6:00pm – Dinner is served (by: Ochs Street Meats)

7:00pm – Speaker begins

Tickets are \$50 per couple
and can be purchased at the Sacred Heart Parish office.

All couples will receive a copy of Dana's book "365 Dates to Renew Your Christian Marriage" included with their ticket purchase.



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Our PSR year is off to a great start! Families gathered for Trivia Night on September 6 for faith, fun, fellowship and food! We're looking forward to our monthly family nights to grow in our faith and work with our community. Last week was our first regular night of PSR classes. It was a spirit-filled night as our first and second graders listened to Bible stories with our 6th-8th graders. They then completed various activities to go along with the stories.

Of our 30+ students, we have 5 preparing for Reconciliation and 7 preparing for Confirmation & First Holy Communion.

This week we start our weekly curriculum with "Gospel Weeklies." Each week we'll discuss the upcoming Gospel reading along with ways to live our faith. (Look for extras in the Narthex to take home with you!)

It's not too late to register for PSR!

Come by on Wednesdays at 6:20 or email Jill Feldhake at psr@sheff.org to learn more.



“FILL THE FREEZER” FUNDRAISER

Orders Due October 5, 2023

The Sacred Heart School PTA is hosting a Meat Sale! This is a great opportunity to fill your freezer for winter!

Meat sales will end October 5, and will be ready for pickup at McMahon Meets the week of November 13-17. A portion of every sale benefits our PTA. Order forms are available in the narthex and in the school and church offices.

Help raise money for Sacred Heart School by eating at Niemerg's Steakhouse this week!

In honor of their 45th anniversary, Niemerg's is hosting a "Give Back to Area Schools" event. Simply go and enjoy a meal at Niemerg's between September 25-October 1 and choose to "round up" your bill at the end. You can round up to the nearest dollar, five dollars, or whatever amount you want! (Please note, their credit card machine will only allow you to round up to the nearest dollar. Any amount above that needs to be placed in the black 'Round Up' box by the cash registers.) All "round up" funds will be TRIPLED by Niemerg's and a check presented to the school. Thank you Niemerg's...and thank you to everyone who participates in the event!



**We are already half way through first quarter and things are going well at Sacred Heart School!
Here are some highlights from the last few weeks!**



Our library was repainted over the summer to reveal a 'dreamy shamrock forest', complete with bible verses on the walls, fun seating, and a guest appearance by 'Leo' and 'Turtle', the sixth grade class rabbits! New flooring was installed and the layout of the library was reconfigured to create a warm and welcoming space. The students are loving the new look! A special thank you to Esther Feldhake (donation in memory of the Louis Feldhake family), Sonja Deibel, and other anonymous donors for making this project a reality!



Our sixth graders have been leading us in prayer each morning and are focusing on the story of Jesus healing the centurion's servant. As they work through the story, our very own centurion soldiers have been guarding the school halls! Their actions change each time based on different parts of the story.

Our baseball team had a great season, finishing with a record of 9-5. Our eighth graders and their parents are shown here, including Freddie Jansen, Joey LaSarge, Owen Schuette, Wade Sherrod, and Nash Wernsing.



Our fourth graders have been reading to our preschool students on Friday mornings. They are having fun interacting with each other, and it is great practice for public speaking!

Mr. Niemerg's sixth grade class presented at this week's Young Hearts Potluck. They shared persuasive speeches about why smoking cigarettes is a bad choice.



Council of Catholic Women

The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women met on September 5, 2023 in the parish center. Twenty-one women and Father Michal were in attendance. Mrs. Angela Sheehan, SHS principal, updated the group regarding the new teachers that have been added to the school staff and how various grant monies have been utilized for the school.

Father Michal gave a slide-show presentation about the artwork that has been added in the ambulatory of our church. His presentation was very informative and interesting.

Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. Information was shared letting everyone know that the CCW works the concession stand for the Knights of Columbus' Bingo on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Also, volunteers are needed to help at the Silk Purse! They are making a nice donation to Sacred Heart, so we want to thank them by having a lot of volunteers there to show our appreciation. Our next designated volunteer day will be Tuesday, October 24. Please call the office to sign up for a time that works for you. Any amount of time you can give is appreciated. If you cannot make it on the 24th, you are welcome to volunteer any other day that works for you. They are open Monday-Saturday 9:00am-7:00pm. Simply note that you are with Sacred Heart Church when you sign in.

Also, when you donate items to the Silk Purse, please advise them that you are with Sacred Heart Church. Donations are especially needed through the month of October. We will receive credit for the donations! This will be helpful as we will not be having a fall rummage sale. Thank you!

Anyone wanting to donate fresh flowers for the altar, please contact Vicki Walker at 217.821.6179.

50\50 was won by Linda Burson. Door prize was won by Judy Colburn. Additional door prizes were won by many ladies. A special thank you goes to Laura Kessler, Jamie Miller and Kathy Schallert for providing delicious desserts.

All ladies of the parish are invited to the CCW meetings and the next meeting will be held on October 3rd in the parish center. Please join us!



Members of our parish have claimed 55 tickets to the Eucharistic Congress on October 28th in Springfield. If you have already claimed your ticket, you will be receiving an email from the diocese with your ticket information. If you do not receive an email from the diocese by September 30, please call the parish office and let us know!

If you would still like to claim a ticket to the Congress, you can do so on the diocese's website at www.dio.org.

Sacred Heart is renting a bus for the trip to and from Springfield on October 28th. We still have about 10 seats left on the bus. Call the parish office if you want to join us on the bus.



This year's annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass and prayer procession is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 at Holy Family Parish in Granite City. Bishop Paprocki will celebrate Mass at 9:00am, followed by a prayer procession around the abortion facility in Granite City. Lunch and speaker will follow the procession.

Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL will be hosting their next retreat on October 6-8. The theme is "Three Levels of Healing in the Holy Spirit." Fr. Mark Bozada, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, MO will lead the retreat. Father Mark was ordained in 1981 and is a priest with many charismatic gifts. He has been involved in healing ministry for many years. Come join us for this retreat on how to find healing through the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Please go to osmm.org to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.

SonRise Fridays – All Men Invited – September 29

There is still room available! SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast meets at the St. Anthony Parish Center on Friday mornings. For one hour a week, men from multiple parishes gather to pray, listen to a presentation, and then engage in small group discussions supporting and encouraging each other.

The Light of Men, produced by Paradisus Dei's *That Man Is You*, a series of insightful speakers. Find more info at www.paradisusdei.org. Each week dives into the Seven Deadly Sins, last week was Envy, this week is overcoming WRATH.

All men of the parish are invited to attend! Breakfast is served at 6:10 a.m., program at 6:30am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30am. Become a better son, brother, husband, father, and friend beginning with your relationship with God. There is no charge to attend! Contact Tom Purcell at 217-821-7077 or Dan Woods at danwoodsface@gmail.com.

Needing some spiritual renewal or a break from the daily stresses of life? Consider a DeColores Retreat! Located at Camp Walter Scott just 13 miles south of Effingham in a serene wooded setting. Retreat includes three nights of lodging, eight meals, daily Mass, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, dynamic Catholic speakers, and much more.

Men's Retreat: October 12-15

Lay Leader, Carl Portz: 217-827-4101

Women's Retreat: October 19-22

Lay Leader, Donna Davis: 217-690-2640

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Envelopes:	\$ 8,780.00
Loose Collection	\$ 745.00
Total:	\$ 9,525.00

Collection for Mission Appeal: \$2,781.00

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



Tune in to Covenant Network Radio, our local Catholic radio station, all week, Monday - Friday, September 25-29, for

the Catholic Radiothon! Listen at FM 91.3 WGMR, online at www.ourcatholicradio.org, or on the FREE Covenant Network app. Effingham area guest hosts will be on:

Tuesday 2:00-3:00pm: Chris Goedde

Thursday 5:00-6:00pm: Luke & Mallory Doedtman

Friday 12:00-1:00pm: Cindy Vahling

Your support is necessary to keep our local station on the air. Call in anytime to pledge at 314-752-7000 or 877-305-1234, or pledge online!

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

September 28: 8:00am - 6:00pm

September 29: 8:00am - 6:00pm

September 30: 8:00am - 11:00am

Sale will be held at the St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton, IL



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