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A Note from Fr. Michal . . .

This week, I am in Panama on the World Youth Day trip with our area high school students and chaperones. It is a blessing to have such a wonderful group to share this experience with along with Fanny Mae Keller, a native of Panama. She and her family have been a tremendous help to ensure that we had the chance to visit the many local historical sites.



I would like to meet with all current Eucharistic Ministers on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 6:30pm, to practice a new procedure that will begin on the weekend of Feb. 2-3. It is important that everyone attend so the transition will go smoothly.

There will be a servers meeting (for parents and servers) on Monday, Feb 4, at 6:15pm, at Sacred Heart Church. We have a great group of servers eager to participate in this special ministry, so please make it a priority to attend.



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.



Mark your calendar for an hour at Adoration on Monday, Feb. 4, at 7:00pm, at Sacred Heart Church. This is a great opportunity to sit quietly in prayer and to reflect on your faith life and to pray together as a family!

Parish News



The Sacred Heart and St. Anthony PSR students recently heard a wonderful presentation from Teutopolis

native, Dakota Danielle. She had an engaging message about bullying, and used her music as a way to reach the students. *We thank her for her gifts of time and talent in speaking with our PSR youth.*



Our 2nd annual Ladies & Lil' Gents event was a huge success! Over 200 moms and sons were in attendance, and they enjoyed games, crafts, dancing, and more. We want to thank all of our volunteers who organized the event, and all those who joined us for the wonderful fellowship.

Also, special thanks to these vendors for their gifts of time and talent: Effingham Event Center and Greg Koester, Overbeck Photography, Walnut Street Weddings, and Dairy Queen.

PreCana Workshop

March 16, 2019

St. Mary's Parish, 112 W. Embarras St., Ste. Marie, IL
Call 618.455.3155 to register.

A Heartfelt



All volunteers are invited to the **Staff & Volunteer Appreciation Celebration of Sacred Heart, St. Anthony, and St. Mary's Parishes on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 12:30pm to 2:00pm, at the Effingham Event Center.** Lunch will be served at 12:30pm with fellowship until 2:00pm. Chicken & fish and drinks will be provided. No RSVP necessary.

Attendees are asked to bring the following:

Sacred Heart: dip/appetizer

St. Anthony: side dish or salad

St. Mary's: dessert

Mark your calendar for the Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women Annual Luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at noon.



All ladies of the parish are invited for soup and sandwiches with a brief meeting to follow. After the meeting, stay for several games of "Valentine Bingo". For those ladies who work full-time, this is a great opportunity to stop by and enjoy a meal with the ladies of the parish.

Pro-Life News . . .

"Luminaries for Life", a public display of our Pro-Life beliefs, will be featured on the steps of St. Anthony Church on the weekend of Jan. 26-27. Please pray for the respect of all life.

Embracing Authentic Love: Humanae Vitae Explained

Join us for a three-day speaker series.

- * *What is God's plan for love and family life?*
- * *Why is the Church against contraception?*
- * *What exactly is Natural Family Planning?*

Humanae Vitae, the papal document which clarified these teachings, calls us to love in a way that respects God's beautiful design for marital love and life. Please join us on Feb. 17, 18, and 19, from 7:00-8:30pm, at St. Anthony Parish Center in Effingham to learn about these beautiful but challenging teachings. This event is for any adult; married, single, young, and old!

Presentation and Speakers:

Sunday, Feb. 17 - Humanae Vitae: Understanding Love and Marriage in the Image of God with Joe Gehret

Monday, Feb. 18 - The Struggle is Real: Embracing the Truth Behind the Church's Teachings with Patty Schneier

Tuesday, Feb. 19 - A Medical Perspective on the Effectiveness of Natural Family Planning and NaPro (Natural Procreative) Technology with Dr. Gavin Puthoff, MD.

Parish Calendar & Events

Sacred Heart Church Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:30pm,
7:00pm (Misa en Español)

Reconciliation

3:00pm on Saturday
and 30 minutes prior to weekday Masses

Sacred Heart Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:15am
Wednesday: 8:30am

St. Anthony Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:15am, and 11:00am

St. Anthony Weekday Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 6:30am
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am
On the first Saturday of the month: 6:30am

St. Mary's, Shumway Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 5:30pm; Sunday: 8:30am

St. Mary's, Shumway Weekday Mass

Wednesdays at 7:15am



Parish Choir has just begun practicing on Wednesdays, at Sacred Heart Church to prepare for the spring and Easter season. If

you would like to join the music ministry, please contact Sr. Rene at 347.7177.

Organist ministry opportunity: Sacred Heart Church is seeking an organist to play at any of the weekend Masses, Holy Days, and/or special liturgies. The organist may also accompany the cantors or choirs in some cases. This position will require approximately 1.5 hours weekly for Mass, and may require additional preparation time for choir accompaniment when necessary. If interested in playing the organ for Sacred Heart, please email Sr. Rene Simonelic at r.simonelic@sheff.org or Fr. Michal Rosa at m.rosa@sheff.org.

The SonRise Men's Group meet on Friday mornings at St. Anthony Parish Center for breakfast, prayer, and a spirit exercise for our daily lives. Coffee is at 6:00am, breakfast at 6:10am, and then we start the spiritual journey at 6:25am. There is time allowed for discussion; however, it concludes at 7:30am.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, January 30

6:00pm: Choir @ Sacred Heart Church
6:30pm: PSR Class @ Sacred Heart School/Parish Center

Thursday, January 31

6:30pm: Eucharistic Ministers Training
@ Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, February 3

10:30am: Sunday School @ Sacred Heart Lower Level

Readings for the Week

Monday, Jan. 28: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, Jan. 29: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, Jan. 30: Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, Jan. 31: Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

Friday, Feb. 1: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, Feb. 2: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32

Sunday, Feb. 3: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13
or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

On Wednesday, January 30, SHS students will be attending the 9:30am "All Catholic Schools Mass" at St. Anthony High School Gym.

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, January 28

7:15am: No Mass

Tuesday, January 29

7:15am: Living & Deceased Members of the Jerry Vonderheide Family

Wednesday, January 30

8:30am: Living & Deceased Members of the Helen & Alfred Fuesting Family

Thursday, January 31

7:15am: Rebekah Volk

Friday, February 1

7:15am: Fr. Victor Kingery

Saturday, February 2

4:00pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): Living & Deceased Members of the Bob & Ann Overbeck Family

Sunday, February 3

8:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): Agnes Fuesting

10:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): Millie Stumeier

5:30pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): For Our Parishioners

7:00pm (Fr. Paul Habing): Mary Agnes Niemeyer

Sacred Heart School News

Attention current & prospective Sacred Heart School students . . .

The Invest In Kids Act (through Empower Illinois) scholarship application process opened Tuesday, Jan. 15, but it is not too late to register! Applications are time-stamped which means the earlier you begin the process, the better the chance to obtain the scholarship. Contact Sacred Heart School office at 342.4060 or visit EmpowerIllinois.org for more information.



Attention potential Empower Illinois donors . . .

YOU can make a difference in the lives of students who attend (or hope to attend) Sacred Heart School! By donating to the Invest in Kids Act through Empower Illinois, you can earn a 75% Illinois tax credit. Consider making a gift to Empower Illinois and specify that your gift go to Sacred Heart School in Effingham so that qualifying SHS students can receive scholarship funds for the 2019-20 school year. It's a win-win opportunity!

Tuition receipt tax documents were sent home with your child(ren).

Please make sure to watch for these forms. The Illinois tuition tax credit law allows parents to claim a tax credit on tuition, books, and lab fees at public, private, and parochial schools. Taxpayers can annually claim a 25% credit on qualified educational expenses they incur over and above \$250, up to a maximum of \$750 per family. Tax credits can be claimed for any full-time student enrolled in a K-12 school, who is a resident of Illinois and is under 21 years of age.



The Effingham Knights of Columbus Council Free Throw Contest will be held on Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Richard E. Workman Sports and Wellness Complex. The contest is open to all youth ages 9 to 14 (age as of Jan. 1). Participants may only compete in one council contest. Registration is at 1:00pm and the contest begins at 1:30pm. Contact Greg Koester at 217.821.7731.

The high school summer mission team is looking to fundraise for their upcoming mission trip to Topeka, Kansas.

They are looking for some small jobs to complete in order to help cover the costs of the trip. If you have work that needs completed, contact Katalyn Bourgeois at kbourgeois@stanthony.com or call her at 342.6969 (ext. 3103) for more information.



Sacred Heart School will host its annual Open House and Kindergarten Sneak Peek on Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 5:00-7:00pm.



Join us to *Discover the Difference* and to learn more about Sacred Heart School's preschool through grade 8 programs. Our school-wide Open House will feature tours of our facilities (led by SHS students), technology demonstrations, Q&A with teachers, parents, and students, and much more. The Kindergarten Sneak Peek is a one-hour presentation regarding our exceptional kindergarten program. Students and parents will learn about the class structure, curriculum, expectations, etc. and will receive a special gift during the event. Registration is suggested so that we have materials prepared for each family. Please call us at 342.4060 to register for the Sneak Peek.

Let us show you the benefits of attending our Christ-centered learning environment. Teachers and staff at Sacred Heart School foster the same morals and values found in your Christian homes, and we provide discipline in and out of the classrooms. If you know of someone who is considering a Catholic school for their child(ren), please encourage them to attend the Open House or even offer to bring them with you!

The 10th annual Father / Daughter Dance, hosted by Sacred Heart and St. Anthony Parishes, will be held on Sunday, Feb. 10, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, at the Effingham Event Center.

Spend the afternoon with dad or special guest, and enjoy dancing, pictures, dessert, and fun! Price is \$5 per person if registration is received before Feb. 7. Visit sheff.org or our facebook page at SacredHeartChurchAndSchool for more information. Registration forms are available in the back of church and in the church and school offices. Contact Audra Haarman at 821.8829 with questions.

The Winter White Glow Dance for the Jr. High students of Sacred Heart, St. Anthony, St. Thomas, and Sigel St. Michael will be Saturday, Feb. 23, from 7:00pm to 9:30pm, at Sacred Heart School. Admission Fee is \$5.00.



A Protecting God's Children Workshop will be held at St. Isidore Parish, St. Aloysius Hall, on Monday, Feb. 4, at 6:30pm. Call 217.925.5788 to register.

Sacred Heart School News

A note from Mrs. Wenthe . . .

We are very excited to kick-off our Catholic Schools Week at the 10:30am Mass this weekend. This is the beginning of a very special week acknowledging our faith through service and community outreach. It is through the commitment of our parents, grandparents, and parish that we have a beautiful school and a wonderful learning environment. On Wednesday, Bishop Paprocki and area priests will celebrate a 9:30am "All Schools Mass" at St. Anthony High School with the Catholic schools in our deanery.



Special thanks to Fr. Mark Tracy for celebrating our school Mass this week! He reminded us that Jesus is with us at all times - when we're sad and when we're happy and when we're sick and when we're healthy. He is with us during our good times and our bad times, and He loves us unconditionally.

Sacred Heart School is seeking an assistant cook. The paid position is Monday-Friday from 11:00am-1:00pm. We could split the days between 2 persons if necessary. To apply, please stop by the school office immediately to complete an application and talk with Mrs. Vicki Wenthe at Sacred Heart School, 407 S. Henrietta St., Effingham, or email v.wenthe@sheff.org.



The Sacred Heart School Kindergarten students recently celebrated penguin day! They dressed in black and white and enjoyed fun crafts, centers, and special snacks as they learned all about these amazing creatures!

Catholic School Week

January 27 - February 2

"Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."



Sunday, January 27

Catholic Schools Week kick-off at the 10:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church followed by the 12:30pm luncheon for staff and volunteers at the Effingham Event Center.

Monday, January 28

Students will write letters to various community organizations thanking them for their service; collect pantry items for Catholic Charities; and the Jr. High will volunteer at the Silk Purse.

Tuesday, January 29

Living Rosary as we pray for our nation.

Wednesday, January 30

9:30am Mass at St. Anthony High School gym with Bishop Paprocki and other Catholic schools in our region. Area priests and nuns will be recognized at the conclusion of the Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, January 31

We will show our appreciation to the students by having an animal assembly, no homework, and a pep rally. Everyone can wear sweatpants and their favorite t-shirt or sweatshirt.

Friday, February 1

This is "Appreciation Day" for our staff being celebrated with a luncheon. This is a half-day of school.

School Calendar

Monday, January 28

8th grade Boys Basketball regionals begin
4:00pm: Volleyball vs. Dieterich @ home

Tuesday, January 29

4:15pm: Volleyball vs. Windsor @ home
4:15pm: 5/6 Boys Basketball @ Cowden
6:30pm: 4 year old Preschool Winter Fun Night
@ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Wednesday, January 30

9:30am: All Schools Mass @ St. Anthony High School
4:30pm: Scholar Bowl practice @ SHS library
6:30pm: 3 year old Preschool Winter Fun Night
@ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Thursday, January 31

4:15pm: Volleyball vs. Neoga @ home
4:30pm: 5/6 Basketball @ Altamont Lutheran

Friday, February 1

Noon Dismissal - No lunch served
Shamrock Showdown Volleyball Tournament begins

Upcoming Events

St. Hedwig's Soup Supper and Raffle

Join us at the soup supper on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 1920 Richmond Ave, Mattoon. There will be a big ticket raffle and bucket raffle.

Deutsches Fest

Catholic Charities present "Deutsches Fest" on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 5:30pm to 11:00pm, at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Enjoy an evening of fun beginning with the cocktail social at 5:30pm and dinner to follow at 6:30pm. Music by Complete Weddings & Events. Tickets can be purchased at the Catholic Charities office. Call 217.857.1458 or send request to mkingery_cceff.dio.org. You may also contact Jamiee Sherrod, our Sacred Heart representative, at jamiee@pinnaclelivestock.com.

St. Thomas School, Newton, Trivia Night & Live Auction

Trivia night will be Saturday, Feb. 2, at the St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton. Doors open at 6:30pm and trivia begins at 7:30pm. Cost for a team of 8 is \$160. Pulled pork & chips are available for a free-will donation. Call Dawn Meinhart at 618.783.3517 to sign up.

Grove Township Chili Supper

You are invited to a Chili Supper on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm, at the Grove Township Community Center, 5251 East 1800th Ave, Montrose, IL. Menu is chili soup, hot dog, dessert, and drink. Cost is free-will donation. All proceeds will be given to Lincoln's Place.

Newman Breakfast

The annual breakfast will be Sunday, Feb. 3, from 7:00am until noon, at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Menu will be whole hog sausage, scrambled eggs, fried eggs, pancakes, sweet rolls, and hash browns. Baked goods and crafts will be available for purchase.

St. Rose Catholic Church, Montrose, Breakfast

St. Rose invites you to their annual breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 10, from 7:00am to noon. Menu is whole hog sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, rolls, and drink. There will be a country store, quilt raffle, and mystery boxes. Price is \$6.00 for a large plate and \$4.00 for a small plate.

St. Valentine's @ the Villa

Make a Valentine date for Sunday, Feb. 10, at 5:30pm, for cocktails, dinner, dessert, photo booth, and a comedy show featuring Steve Bruner. The cost is \$50 per couple (dating, engaged, or married). More information: www.dio.org/familylife/events.

The Effingham K of C Youth Activities Raffle Fundraiser

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 with only 1000 printed. The first prize will be the choice of 1 of 2 firearms or \$750. Second prize will be the choice of 1 of 2 firearms or \$500 – or the prize can be a credit to the firearm of your choice. The grand prize drawing will be Tuesday, Feb 12, at 7:00pm. Contact Greg Koester at 821.7731 if you want to buy tickets or need tickets to sell.

College Scholarships

Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are offering four \$500 college scholarships to four outstanding Catholic senior young ladies who exemplify the diocesan mission, values of leadership, faith, and service. Applications are available in the parish office. The application, essay, and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by March 30, 2019.

DeColores Weekends

Say yes to a 3 day beautiful experience at Camp Walter Scott. Share in inspiring talks, renew your faith, and make new friends. For more information, call Mary Sur at 342.2003.

Men's Weekend: March 21-24

Lay leader: Brian Koester, phone 217.857.3362

E-mail: goodwithhands67@yahoo.com

Women's Weekend: March 28-31

Lay leader: Betty Zumbahlen, phone 217.844.3328

E-mail: bettyzumbahlen@gmail.com

Marriage Encounter

Why don't you surprise your spouse with a Marriage Encounter weekend as a Valentine's gift? The next weekend is Feb. 8-10 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO. For more information, call 314.649.7317 or go to stl-wwme.org/schedule.php.

CASA of Effingham County

They are seeking volunteers for their spring training session in March 2019. For more information, contact CASA at 342.2266 or jpummill@casa4change.org.

Parish News



Rest in Peace

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Sheila Jansen & Chuck Keller, Sr.

Contribution Statements

We are so grateful for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure! In sharing your blessings with the church and school, you are being true disciples of Christ. We will be mailing contribution statements in the coming weeks. We will be sending statements to those whose donations were \$250 or more in 2018. However, if you do not receive a statement and would like one, or if you feel there is a discrepancy with your statement, please contact Mark Volk at 217.347.7177.

The fresh flowers displayed by the tabernacle were donated by Judy & Phil Luchtefeld in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary. If you would like to donate flowers, contact Vicki Walker at 821.6179.



If you would like someone on the prayer list, please call the office at 347.7177.

~ Prayer List ~

Donald Rentfrow, Jr., Rory Miller, Bill Althoff, Dorothy Levitt, Anne Bourgeois, Mary Jane Behrman, Jeanne Derry, Joan Gouchenouer, Sarah Traub Taylor, Vicky McCollum

Financial

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019

Envelopes:	\$ 6,505.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 1,204.00
Total:	\$ 7,709.00

*"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

2018 Annual Catholic Services Appeal "In Gratitude for God's Abundant Blessings"

2018-19 goal for Sacred Heart is \$56,140.

To date, we have received \$15,708, leaving a balance of \$40,432.



We invite you to direct your weekly tithing to the Diocese. Make your check payable to ACSA (with Sacred Heart Church in the memo line) and place it in an envelope marked "ACSA". Thank you. Any questions, call Mark Volk at 217.347.7177.

There is a collection for the Church in Latin America this weekend. Many people in Latin America do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your support provides leadership training, catechesis, and religious formation. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



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