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Message from Fr. Michal...

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord!

The origin and foundation of Baptism is Jesus. Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because He was totally faithful to the will of His Father and free from sin. However, He wanted to show His solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding the disciples to baptize all nations, He established the means by which people would die to sin—original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.

This weekend brings an end to the season of Christmas; however, some of the decorations will remain in church until Feb. 2, the Presentation of the Lord.

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this weekend, it is the perfect opportunity to talk about baptizing your child at Sacred Heart. Currently, I am meeting with all parents requesting baptism for their child (ren). It is very rewarding to meet and talk



to the parents in a relaxed setting allowing for open discussion about their faith lives. As I see the families in church, it is quite difficult to get to know them. If you would like to schedule a baptism, please contact the parish office at 347.7177 to set up an appointment. *Please note that we do not celebrate baptisms during Lent.*



The first week in Ordinary Time begins on Monday, Jan. 11, with only five Sundays until Ash Wednesday. During Ordinary Time, we pray that God will "direct our actions" so that "we may abound in good works".

I have heard from many people that the days seem long, as they are surrounded by cold dreary days. At those times, I think we need to turn our focus on the many gifts we have received from God. Thanks to modern technology, you can watch Mass at 8:30am, Monday-Friday and also Sunday, via Facebook or Youtube, or you can join us in person. Also, Sacred Heart Parish offers a FREE program "Formed" which has many inspirational programs and videos. It is very simple to sign up and the website gives you a variety of options for spiritual growth. Complete instructions are on page 2 of the bulletin. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office and the staff can help you sign up.

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

Parish News

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Changing Sides

Can hearts really be changed on the issue of abortion? This film tells the powerful true story of the conversion of a dedicated Planned Parenthood director to a leading Pro-life Activist. Abby Johnson was the director of the abortion facility that was the launching pad of the bold new pro-life effort - 40 Days for Life. Abby believed that she was helping women by working for the nation's largest abortion operation, Planned Parenthood. She quickly rose in the ranks to become the director of an abortion facility and

was even given an "Employee of the Year" award. But one fall morning everything changed!

Abby suddenly found herself on the other side of the fence, facing the truth about abortion. The real question now was, in her time of crisis, what would she do and who would help her? This film reveals what happens when people pray, fast, sacrifice, love their enemies, and take a stand on the most controversial issue of our time - abortion. Fences come down, hearts change, and the love of God shines light in the darkest, most unexpected places. And the evil of abortion is exposed and defeated.

Born into the Kingdom: The Miracle of Baptism

In this presentation, Brother Francis invites us to share in the realities of the Sacrament of Baptism and the union it provides us with God's big family! It is filled with instruction and inspiration. "Born into the Kingdom" is a great reminder of God's wonderful grace!

Join FORMED today and fill your day with great programs!!



The New Testament – the Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, Epistles. What do they mean for us today? In three evenings, we will explore the history and meaning of the New Testament writings. Each class



will include a short video, printed notes, reference material, and group discussion. Join us for an hour or so on Wednesdays, Jan. 13, 20, and 27, at 6:30pm, in the Church Narthex.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed on weekdays at 3:00pm in the church. Everyone is welcome, so please take a few minutes out of your day to come and pray with us.

VIRTUS Online

The Diocese is currently offering an online alternative to attending an in-person Protecting God's Children training session. Anyone volunteering in ministries, or assisting in the parish and school events, needs to have taken a class. This is a great opportunity to complete the class in the comfort of your home. If you are interested, contact Judy Luchtefeld, our Sacred Heart coordinator, by email j.luchtefeld@sheff.org or call 217.821.4060. She will be able to send you step-by-step instructions on how to complete this online training. Once you have completed this training, a certificate will be sent to you.

Parish News

The Sunday 8:30am Mass and weekday Masses are being live streamed at https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicParishEffinghamIL/ and on our YouTube page: "Sacred Heart Effingham".

~ Prayer List ~

Joe Mitchell, Cathy Swingler, Cathy Hayes,
Keith Willenborg, Clark Wise, Tony Koste,
Richard "Dick" Dust, Betty Miller, Don Miller,
Andrew Sheehan, Clete Westendorf,
Brian A. Niebrugge, Deb Meyers,
Virginia Wendt, Tom Pruemer

Rest in Peace

Our sympathy to family and friends of †Gregory "Greg" Yocum

Christmas Memorial for ...

Joe, Rosa, Alf, Donna, Rich, Louis, & Marlene Rieman; Charles & Agnes Bushur; Roy, Clara, & James Painter

by Richard Rieman



Weekend Mass Reminders

Mass sign up is encouraged, but not required.

You can sign up in two ways:

<u>Signup Online</u>: The signupgenius link is updated each Monday and will be sent via Constant Contact to your email and is updated on our website at www.sheff.org. <u>Signup by Phone</u>: Call the church office at 347.7177.

COVID precautions are common-place at work, school, in stores, and social events. Let's continue to work together to take precautions at church too.

- 1) Please wear a mask during the entire Mass.
- Please practice social distancing when seated in church; when processing to and from Holy Communion; and when entering and leaving the church.
- 3) Sanitize your hands when entering the church.
- 4) Keep your hands completely flat when receiving Communion.

You can enter on the east <u>or</u> west side of the church. The greeter will still assist you when you enter and an usher will take you to your assigned pew.

Please note that Bishop Paprocki has extended the dispensation for attending Mass until further notice.

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

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy, even if it is in the past, individuals are encouraged to call the Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number 217.321.1155. Individuals may also contact the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE, or contact your local police authority.

Readings for the Week

Monday, Jan. 11: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday, Jan. 12: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday, Jan. 13: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39 Thursday, Jan. 14: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45 Friday, Jan. 15: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12 Saturday, Jan. 16: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17 Sunday, Jan. 17: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,

17-20: Jn 1:35-42

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, January 11 8:30am: †Dolores Kingery

Tuesday, January 12 8:30am: †Billie Tanner

Wednesday, January 13 8:30am: †Karen Stroud Thursday, January 14

8:30am: †Leon Matzker Friday, January 15 8:30am: †Sherry LeDuc

Saturday, January 16

4:00pm: Living & Deceased Members of the †Joe & †Cecilia

Buening Family

Sunday, January 17

8:30am: †Nettie Willenborg **10:30am:** For Our Parishioners

7:00pm Spanish Mass: †Dolores Kingery

Pro-Life

Sacred Heart Parish



The Luminaries for Life will be on display on Jan. 16 & 17 at Sacred Heart Church.

Please take time to drive by and see the lights illuminated in the dark drawing attention to the millions of lives lost due to abortion. Thank you to Sacred Heart School & PSR students for decorating the bags for

the display. Bring this message of life to your family by visiting this beautiful public display for life.

Also, drive by St. Anthony Church to view their Luminaries for Life display on the steps of the church on the weekend of Jan. 16 & 17.





The Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life will be held at St. Michael Church, Sigel, on **Monday, Jan. 18.** Praying the scriptural rosary will begin at 6:00pm. Fr Divakar will be the celebrant for the 6:30pm Mass. The business meeting will follow

in the school's council room. Refreshments will be served while current legislation and local pro-life events are discussed.

The 9 Days for Life novena for the protection of human life is Jan. 21-29. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.



Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



Due to Covid, the March for Life pilgrimage will look a little different this year. The March for Life, under the direction of Tony Cerveny (Director of Youth and Sports

Ministry) and Sister M. Veritas, FSGM (Director of Youth and Women's Ministry), will be heading to Washington, DC, on January 28-29, 2021. Teens accompanied by parents/guardians and family members are invited. Transportation will be on your own. A block of rooms have been reserved at Crystal Gateway Marriott in D. C. Please call 703.920.3230 to reserve - \$129 per night. This includes two meals, 2 nights of programming and a special Mass with Bishop Paprocki. Any questions, email Sr. M. Veritas at vwilks@dio.org or Tony at tcerveny@dio.org.



New Families

Rick & Kimberly Garrison JoAnn McDaniels

Newly Baptized

James Frederick Niemerg Elizabeth Lynn Ritz

If you are a member of the parish and need to make an address, email, phone number change, or you need information, send an email to shchurch@sheff.org. We are sending updates and the bulletin via Constant Contact each week to all parishioners. If you are not receiving it, please contact the parish office at 347.7177.

Sacred Heart Parish Meeting Calendar

Wednesday, January 13

6:30pm: PSR @ Sacred Heart School

7:00pm: Finance Council @ S. H. Church Narthex

Thursday, January 14

6:00pm: Building & Grounds @ Sacred Heart office

Saturday, Jan. 17 & Sunday, Jan. 18

Scrip sells after Mass

Missalettes for this liturgical year are available in the parish office. Please stop by the office from 8:00am to 4:30pm to pick up a copy for your personal use.

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church

Whether you're a long term attendee or newly arrived to Sacred Heart Church, we extend a warm welcome to you. We thank God that you are here with us. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and drop it off at the parish office, in the collection box, or the mail slot on the

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Sacred Heart School

Welcome school







School Calendar

Wednesday, January 13

6:00pm: PTA Meeting @ Sacred Heart Church Narthex

Friday, January 15

No School - Teacher Institute







Thank you to all of our school parents, students, and staff for their hard work with Advent service projects.

Thanks to their generosity, many area people and organizations were helped. These endeavors help teach our children that Christ's love can be shared in many ways.

Preschool: Donated bird seed, fish food, and turtle food to Ballard Nature Center, as well as \$130 in gift cards and monetary donations

K-2: Donated over \$200 to Catholic Charities for babies in need

Gr. 3: Collected items for the animals at the Humane Society

Gr. 4 & 5: Donated baby items to the Family Life Center

Gr. 3-5: Collected money for the local seminarians - each seminarian received a \$75.00 Visa Gift Card

Gr. 6-8: Participated in an "Advent Add It Up" to raise money for Christmas gifts for our nursing home, assisted living, and homebound parishioners. Silver coins counted as negative points and pennies & dollars counted as positive points. Sixth grade ended up being the overall winner. Because of the success of the activity, funds collected will be used for smaller gifts later in & throughout the year for these parishioners. In addition to the monetary collection, students spent a morning Christmas caroling at area nursing & assisted living homes.

Community News

Free Developmental Screenings for 3-5 year olds . . .

Effingham Unit 40 is offering parents the opportunity to discover how your child is developing in the areas of speech, language, concepts, and motor skills. Vision and hearing screenings are also provided, free of charge. Dates are: Feb. 17, 2021; March 17 & 18, 2021; and April 21 & 22, 2021 at the Effingham Board of Education Office, 2803 S. Banker Street, Effingham. Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, call 217.540.1522.



Quincy University Scholarships: In 2020, Quincy University celebrated 160 years of providing an exceptional

education experience that prepares students for lives of purpose and service to others. Guided and shaped by Franciscans, they encourage Catholic students to consider Quincy University among their college options. Quincy University is accepting applications for two different scholarship opportunities. A \$10,000 Bishop's Scholarship and a \$500 Diocesan Scholarship will be awarded to two students who are members of a parish in the Diocese of Springfield. Applications are due by March 15, 2021. Apply at quincy.edu/apply.

Restore, Rekindle, Renew Enrichment (3RE) is a 7-session virtual enrichment experience being held on Monday/



Thursday evenings, from Jan. 18 to Feb. 8, at 7:00pm. Apply online at stl-wwme.org or call 314.649.7317.



St. Hedwig's "Toot and Tell It" Soup Supper to benefit the St. Hedwig Haus of Hospitality will be held on Sunday, Jan. 31, from 11:00am to 3:00pm, at the Teutopolis

Knights of Columbus. It will be a "drive through only". The event will offer various soups, along with porkburgers and hot dogs for a free-will offering. There is also a raffle to win a Super Bowl Package (with recliner), grilling package, two \$500 CASH prizes, or a children's package. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. To get tickets email rlanham@eiunewman.org or call 217.348.0188. That day, drive up to the hall, place your order, and it will be brought to you. Proceeds benefit the ministry of the houses. The houses in Charleston are part of the Catholic Worker movement. They are places for women and their children to stay in order to get back on their feet and have a sustainable life once they leave the house.



The annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be Sunday, Jan. 10, from 7:00am to 12:30pm. This will be a "drive-thru" breakfast of whole hog sausage and eggs at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall, 210 S. Pearl

Street, Teutopolis. Free-will donation. Volunteers are needed for set up on Jan. 9, beginning at 8:00am and Jan. 10 starting at 7:00am at the Banquet Hall. Please call Susan at 217.663.2084 or send an email to ninevogt@yahoo.com. This is the primary fundraiser for Effingham Area Right to Life.

January 22 is "A Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children", in remembrance of the Roe v. Wade abortion decision. We are asked to observe a day of



penitential prayer and fasting. St. Francis Church will have a special vigil Pro-life Mass at 7:00pm, on Thursday, Jan. 21. Exposition will be in the chapel after the Friday, Jan. 22, 8:00am Mass with closing Benediction at 4:30pm. The chapel is in the northeast part of the church east of the main altar.

Pre-Cana Workshops are being offered in the area:

- ◆St. Francis, Teutopolis, Sunday, Jan. 31 Call 217.857.6404 to register
- ◆St. Mary, Ste. Marie, Saturday, March 13 Call 618.455.3155 to register

Contact the parish office at 347.7177 for additional dates are available in the diocese.



SonRise is men helping other men learn, listen, hear, act, and grow in faith to build their relationship with God and each other. For one hour a week,

men from multiple parishes across Effingham County gather via the Internet. Each week, a speaker from *That Man Is You*, produced by Paradises Dei is broadcast and viewed together via Zoom at 6:30am, followed by discussion, and concluding at 7:30am. Become a better son, brother, husband and father, beginning with your relationship with God. *From the safety and comfort of your home or office, join us on Fridays*. Contact Glenn Pankonen, gpankonen@gmail.com or Dan Woods, danwoodsfache@gmail.com to register. There is no charge, so bring a friend!

Parish News



Our Diocese presented a new structure called "TITHING" and no longer "ACSA". The amount we are expected to tithe for 2020-2021 is \$67,350. You can put your check

payable to "DIOCESE PARISH TITHE" with "Sacred Heart" in the memo and place it in the collection basket. We will mail it for you. Any questions, please call Mark Volk or Billi Jansen at the parish office at 347.7177.

Catholic Times

Over the past year, the coronavirus pandemic has magnified the importance of communication. Catholic Times has reported critical information on the reopening of the public celebration of Mass, updates on how our schools would reopen safely, and articles on how to respond to the stress of the pandemic. There has been a greater emphasis highlighting an educational format about our faith through the "Hey, Father!" series and inspiring stories for a spiritual boost.

Catholic Times is available to each parish family either online (ct.dio.org) or by mail. Your donation in the envelope provided in your January packet offsets the cost of receiving the subscription. This is an inexpensive source of information on the vital issues that face our parish, our diocese, and people around the world. Any questions, please call the parish office at 347.7177.

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(1Peter 4:10)

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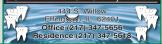
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