

Third Sunday of Lent March 7, 2021



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Message from Fr. Michal . . .

Please pray for our students who received the sacrament of First Reconciliation this past Wednesday. I look forward to seeing them continue their faith journey and grow closer to God.





I will be having Adoration at 7:00pm every Monday during Lent. Enhance your spiritual life this Lenten season by taking time in your schedule for quiet time in church for individual prayer.

Also, during Adoration on Monday nights, I will be available for Reconciliation from 7:05pm until 7:55pm. I am also available for Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to weekday Masses, from 3:00pm until 3:50pm on Saturdays, or by appointment.





Current lectors (and anyone wishing to join this ministry) are asked to attend the meeting this Thursday, March 11, in the

church. For more information about this ministry, call Allen Lukowski at 812.585.0137 or the parish office.

Parish Council will meet on Thursday, March 18, at 7:00pm, in the parish office. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a council member or send information to parishcouncil@sheff.org.





Zach Samples and his classmate, Paul Lesupati, will be Ordained to the Diaconate at 6:00pm on Friday, April 9, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Zach has been studying for the priesthood at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology since the Fall of 2016 and spent this past summer assigned to our parish. This is an important step in Zach's life as he prepares for his

Priestly Ordination in May 2022. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the guest list will be limited, but all are welcome to join Zach via livestream the date of the event at dio.org/live. Please pray for Zach, Paul, their classmates from other Dioceses/Religious Communities at Saint Meinrad, and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood!

Sacred Heart Parish



Sacred Heart Parish Meeting Calendar Monday, March 8

6:00pm: Consecration to St. Joseph Study

@ Sacred Heart Church Narthex

7:00pm: Adoration/Reconciliation @ Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday, March 9

6:30pm: The Search Program @ Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday, March 10

6:30pm: PSR @ Sacred Heart School

6:30pm: Bible Study @ Sacred Heart Church Narthex

Thursday, March 11

6:00pm: Building & Grounds meeting

@ Sacred Heart office

6:30pm: Lector meeting @ Sacred Heart Church

Friday, March 12

5:30pm: Stations of the Cross @ Sacred Heart Church

All Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women are invited to a Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church in Mattoon on Thursday, March 11, at 11:00am. A light luncheon and brief reception will follow at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center



Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Any questions, please call Mary Klein at 217.821.9596.

In order to comply with social distancing and capacity requirements, we will be having Confirmation/First Communion on three Sundays.

Dates and times for Confirmation/First Communion are:

Sunday, April 11, at 2:00pm

3rd grade SHS

Sunday, April 18, at 2:00pm

8th grade SHS and 8th grade PSR

Sunday, April 25, at 2:00pm

3rd grade PSR and

7th grade PSR that have prepared for the sacrament Each candidate will be allowed 10 people. The candidate and sponsor are considered to be 2 of those 10 people (leaving 8 seats for other family members).



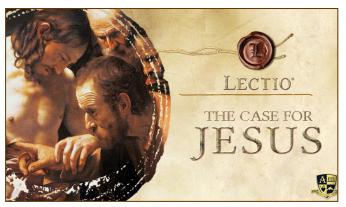
Go to dio.org/lent for stories of people who will challenge you this Lenten season! A new story

and new challenge will come every week during Lent.

FORMED

Formed is a <u>free</u> subscription compliments of Sacred Heart Parish. The website has many programs, videos, and resources, for your personal use. Go to Formed.org to sign up!! If you need assistance getting registered, call Darlene at the parish office at 217.347.7177.

Lectio: The Case for Jesus: Dr. Brant Pitre answers the key question of faith: *Who is Jesus?* Timed to lead up to the Triduum, he looks in-depth at the accounts of Jesus Crucifixion and Resurrection and his proclamation of divinity.





Lent with Brother Francis: The four-part series explains the importance of Lent in a format suitable for children of all ages. He includes the Stations of the Cross and the how meditating on each station brings us closer to our Savior.

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,

Don Miller, Andrew Sheehan, Clete Westendorf, Brian A. Niebrugge, Deb Meyers, Virginia Wendt, Donald Rentfrow, Jr., Mary Jane Behrman, Kenneth Westendorf, Gordon Kreke, Wilber Lister, Claudia Gale, Gina Hargis, Irene Spilker

Join in the Bible Study, presented by George Wenthe, on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm, in the Church Narthex during Lent. On Wednesday, March 10, will be "The Bible in Catholic Doctrine" from a



FORMED series by Kevin Saunders. Make plans to come, no signup required.



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

Masses or by appointment

Easter Flower donation envelopes are included in your March envelope packets. A special dedication page will be included in the Easter bulletin listing all of the flower memorials.



Readings for the Week

Monday, March 8: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30 Tuesday, March 9: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35 Wednesday, March 10: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19 Thursday, March 11: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23 Friday, March 12: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34 Saturday, March 13: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 14: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10;

Jn 3:14-21

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, March 8

8:30am: †Tillie Dudra, †Maureen West

Tuesday, March 9 8:30am: †Donald Hille Wednesday, March 10 8:30am: No Mass

Thursday, March 11 8:30am: †Audry Gress

Friday, March 12 8:30am: NO MASS

Saturday, March 13

4:00pm: For Our Parishioners

Sunday, March 14

8:30am: †Chuck & †Tudie Kreke 10:30am: †Gene & †Zita Reis

7:00pm Spanish Mass: †Dorothy Bushur

Sacred Heart School

Fish Fry - Huge Success!

Thank you to everyone who drove through last Friday's Fish Fry. Your support means a great deal and is a blessing for our school. Our earnings were up and we hope you enjoyed the delicious meal!

It is with great gratitude I acknowledge Sheila Braun and all the PTA representatives who put in many hours of preparation. It is impressive to see so many come together to work, supporting our school and uniting as a Sacred Heart family.

Blessings to all, Angela Sheehan



We have partnered with the Unit 40 Educational Foundation to offer a \$500 scholarship to an EHS graduate. It is our intent that we will be able to provide this scholarship annually to a SHS alumni who stays active in the church into their high

school years. Because it is provided via the Unit 40 Educational Foundation, the recipient does need to be a graduate of EHS.

You can view the scholarship listed on the link below.
It is titled "Sacred Heart School Scholarship".
http://effinghameducationfoundation.com/scholarships/



Congratulations to our students who competed in the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee on Friday, Feb. 26. They all did great and we had two students win!!

Elle H. placed first and Isabella K. placed second. *Great job!*



Sacred Heart School 2020-21 Annual Fund

Please consider giving to our Sacred Heart School Annual Fund.

The revenue generated from the Sacred Heart School Annual Fund strengthens and sustains our operating budget. Your gift helps bridge the gap between the actual cost to educate each SHS student and what we ask our parents to pay.

Your gift will:

- Directly impact the 200+ students at SHS.
- Help provide tuition assistance to Sacred Heart parishioners who, otherwise, could not afford to send their children to SHS.
- Make it possible for SHS to purchase new technology to further enhance our students' learning.
- Provide flexible funding for educational needs at SHS.
- Enable SHS to update security measures, make facility improvements, and manage ongoing maintenance and utilities.
- Contribute to preparing students for high school, college, and beyond, using their talents to serve God and others.
- Provide operational support to help bridge the gap between tuition received and actual educational costs.

Methods of Giving:

- Cash or check
- In person or by mail405 S. Henrietta St., Effingham, IL 62401
- Online at www.sheff.org
- Payments may be made annually, semi-annually, quarterly, or monthly
- Stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.
- Matching gifts from your employer

Gifts are 100% tax-deductible. Planned giving to benefit Sacred Heart School, including bequests, charitable trusts, real estate, insurance, etc., may be discussed with parish staff at 217.347.7177.



Together, we can greatly impact the future of Sacred Heart School.

Please help us provide for the needs of today and tomorrow as we educate and prepare the next generation of Catholic Christians.



Sacred Heart School

Congratulations to our eighth grade volleyball players and boys' basketball players who recently celebrated their Eighth Grade Recognition Nights! They are playing hard representing SHS well, and having great seasons! Go Shamrocks!







Congratulations Korina Hecht...
The Knights of Columbus Free
Throw contest was held on Feb. 21,
at the St. Anthony Grade School
Goff Gym. Korina H. advanced to
the District Competition on Feb. 28
and placed 2nd in her division.
Congratulations!! We are very
proud of you!

A special thank you to everyone who participated and to the Knights and Sacred Heart alumni, Luke S., who assisted with the contest.

Sacred Heart School is currently enrolling pre-school, kindergarten, and grades 1-8 for the 2021-22 school year. Our preschool classes fill up quickly, so please call right away if you are interested in your child attending Sacred Heart.



Here are the preschool class options we currently have available:

3 year old option:

- ♣ M/W/F (3 days) from 8:00-11:15am
- Tu/Th (2 days) from 8:00-11:15am (FULL)

4 year old options:

- ♣ M/W/F (3 days) from 8:00-11:15am
- ♣ M-F (5 days) from 8:00-11:15am
- ♣ Tu/Th (2 days) from 8:00-11:15am

For more information or any questions, call the school at 217.342.4060 or Andrea Wright at 217.347.7177 or send an email to a.wright@sheff.org.

Calendar

Monday, March 8

5:00pm: Basketball vs. Cowden-Herrick @ home

Tuesday, March 9

6:00pm: Basketball vs. Windsor @ home

Wednesday, March 10

3:00pm: StangArts @ Sacred Heart School

6:15pm: Basketball @ St. Elmo Jr./Sr. High School

Friday, March 12

8:30am: SHS Stations of the Cross @ Church

Volleyball 8th Grade Regional (TBD)

Sacred Heart home games will be live-streamed on our school YouTube page: "Sacred Heart School Effingham".

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. To schedule an appointment, call 217.540.1400.

Wednesday, March 17 (12:00pm to 6:00pm)

Thursday, March 18 (9:00am to 4:00pm)

Wednesday, April 21 (12:00pm to 6:00pm)

Thursday, April 22 (9:00am to 4:00pm)

Screenings will be at the First Presbyterian Church, 600 West Temple Ave., Effingham.

Community News

St. Mary's, Ste Marie, Drive-Thru Brunch will be Sunday, March 7, from 8:00am to 11:00am, at the St. Mary's Parish Center. The menu is sausage links, sausage gravy & biscuits, and bread/roll. Free-will donation.

Pre-Cana Workshop

A one-day PreCana will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, in Sainte Marie, on Saturday, March 13. There is a fee of \$50 for the day, which includes a meal and materials. If you would like to attend, go to the website www.stemariechurch.org for the registration form, or call St. Mary's parish office at 618.455.3155, or email stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com to register.



The Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life will be held at Sacred Heart, <u>Lillyville</u> on Monday, March 15. Praying the scriptural rosary will begin at 6:00pm. Fr. Ery will be the

celebrant for the 6:30pm Mass. All are welcome.

There will be a <u>Free</u> Children's Orthopedic Clinic on Thursday, March 18, by Dr. Timothy Gray, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic



Clinic, 1303 W. Evergreen Ave., Effingham. Please call 1.800.272.0074 between 9:00am and 4:00pm for an appointment. Sponsored by Illinois Elks Children's Care Corp. and Effingham Elks Lodge 1016.



St. Isidore Parish Spring Breakfast will be Sunday, March 21, from 7:00am to 12:00pm, at the St. Aloysius Hall,

Bishop Creek. The menu is whole hog sausage, ham, eggs, pancakes, bread, and drink. Free-will donation. Curb-side pick-up and limited seating available.

Effingham Knights of Columbus Council #665 will be awarding up to eight (8) \$500 scholarships this year. Applications are available at www.effinghamkc.com. Applications are due March 12.



Knights of Columbus is hosting a Virtual Webinar by the "Retirement Income Expert", Tom Hegna, on March 23, at 6:30pm. You must pre-register at kofc.link/hegna. Effingham Council 665 will be broadcasting the webinar at the Effingham Event Center on the same date and time. Face covering and social distancing are required. If you plan to attend, call Bob Utz at 217.994.4140.

Lenten Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 27, at Immaculate Conception Church & Parish Center. The Conference "The Just Man, Living Freely in the Footsteps of St. Joseph" is for all men 18 years and older. Free-will offering. The day will begin with an 8:00am Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, 2020 Richmond, Mattoon, and moves to their parish center at 9:00am for presentations and lunch.

"St. Joseph in Scripture and Tradition"

By Matthew J. Ramage, P.H.D., Associate Professor of Theology, Benedictine University, Atchison, Kansas "St. Joseph the Worker"

By Deacon Gene Uptmor, Immaculate Conception Parish "St. Joseph, Man of Virtue"

By Thomas Schniers, Theology teacher, freshman coach, Mater Dei High School, Breese, IL

"St. Joseph, Terror of Demons"

By Todd Farris, Youth Minister, Immaculate Conception Call 217.235.0539 to register or email jtitus@dio.org.

The next Natural Family Planning Workshop will be held via web conferencing, on Saturday, March 20, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. For more information or to register, call/text Kate Pruemer at 217.821.1840 or email her at kpruemer@gmail.com.



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.



Your contribution directly to our Diocese's Tithing can be in place of your weekly contribution to Sacred Heart Parish. Put your check payable to "Diocese Parish Tithe" with "Sacred Heart" in the memo and place it in the collection basket and we will mail for you. Any questions, please call Mark Volk or Billi Jansen at the parish office at 217.347.7177.

To date, \$29,254.30 has been paid to "Tithing", leaving a balance of \$38,095.70.

A second letter has been sent to anyone who has not given to our "Tithing". Please respond with a donation to help us reach our goal!!

Catholic Times

The Diocese of Springfield sends each family in the parish a copy of the Catholic Times either by mail or electronically. To date, we have collected \$4,475 which leaves a balance due of \$3,888.

The Catholic Relief Service Collection envelope is in your March monthly envelope packet. Your support serves Jesus in the disguise of the poor & vulnerable in some of the most



marginalized communities in our world. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Financial

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 10,666.00 Loose Collection \$ 204.00 Total: \$ 10,870.00

"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



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Donate Online

Visit www.sheff.org. Click on the Giving tab, then on the link in the Online Donations section.

Personal Check / Collection Envelope

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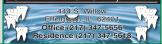
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