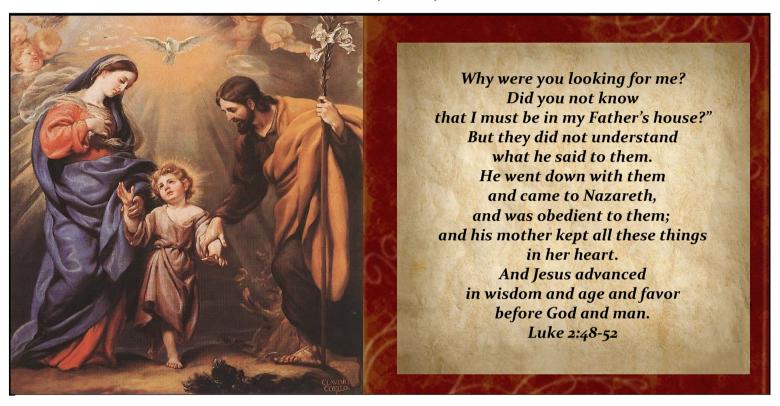


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Custodial Care: Jim Balmer
Maintenance: Scott & Matthew Albin & Jim Balmer

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday: 8:30 am — 1:30pm (Closed on Holidays and Holy days)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass at Sacred Heart Tuesday—Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil at Sacred Heart: 4:00 p.m.
In person Mass + Online Streaming
Sunday Mass at St. Michael's: 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart: 10:00 a.m.

CONFESSION

Saturday at Sacred Heart: 3:15 p.m. Or by appointment

HOLY DAY MASSES

6:30pm: Vigil Mass at St. Michael's 8am & 6:30 pm: Holy Day Masses at Sacred Heart.

			Ministers
Mass Intention	าร	Mass Intentions	Ministry Schedule
Dec 25	4:00 pm	Mike Pangburn by Alice Kaufman	January 1st and January 2nd, 2022
Dec 26	8:00 am 10:00 am	George Carroll by Mary Waller Pat & Martha Carr by Lee & Laura Diltz	4:00 pm LECTORS: Amy Walch
Dec 27	8:00 am	NO MASS	SERVERS: JoBeth Crafton
Dec 28 Dec 29 Dec 30 Dec 31	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:00 am 8:00 am	Ursula Calvert by Hillie Houle & Family Ruth Schweighart by Pete & Maryann Mayhall Anicia Kramer by Tony Kramer Harry & Louise Schmidt by Schmidt Family Harold Sone by Doris Stone & Family	8:00 am LECTORS: Brian Smith USHERS: Glenda Waller COM SERVERS: Jacoba Harcar GIFTS: David Smith
Jan 01	9:00 am 4:00 pm	All Parish Families John Dee Hawkins by Mary Hawkins	<u>10: 00 am</u> LECTORS: Sarah Hosler
Jan 02	8:00 am 10:00 am	Maureen Denbo by Russell & Kim Keske Kelsi Balckford by Jeff & Deanna Blackford	COLLECTION COUNTERS: Amy Mitsdarfer &
Mas Inter	itions	Mass Intentions Requests	Dennis Mitsdarfer SERVERS: Zane Hosler
		on requests to the Parish Office and s to Amy Walch: a.walch65@gmail.com	Servers: Zane Hosier Sacred Heart:
	P	rayer Requests	Saturday, 4:00 p.m. & Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
M/o may 6		Allen, Teresa Balmer, Kay Barrett, Verna	St. Michael's: Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
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	Daily	Scripture Readings	PCT: \$ 20.00 Immaculate Conception: \$ 50.00 Online Giving: \$970.00
R2: HEB 1: Dec 26: R1 R2 Gospe Dec 27: R1 Gospe Dec 28: R1 Gospel	: IS 52:7-10; 1-6; Gospel: :: SIR 3:2-6, 2: COL 3:12- 1: LK 2:41-5: : 1JN 1:1-4 1: JN 20:1a ar :: 1JN 1:5-2:2 : MT 2:13-18 :: 1JN 2:3-11	JN 1:1-18	Total Deposit: \$2960.00 . St. Michael's Church Weekly Collection: \$625.00 \$100.00 Loose Cash: \$ Children's Home: \$250.00 Christmas Offering: \$250.00 Tornado Relief: \$670.00 Retired Religious: \$250.00 Online Giving: \$100.00 Total Deposit: \$2145.00 All collections OTHER than the Diocesan Collections may be tithed Diocesan Collections will be denoted here in a different color.
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	ot Mich	ael's Parish Tithing Goal	Sacred Heart's Parish Tithing Goal

The Parish Tithing amount for November collections was calculated at \$760.00 or 10% of the monthly collection which was \$7600.00 and a check has been sent to the diocese. To date the PCT payments have totaled **\$4565.00**

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Pastoral Reflections

Scripture Reflection (Holy Family Year B December 26th, 2021). This collection of spiritual lessons was originally composed in Hebrew by a certain Jesus ben Sirach, who, according to tradition, was a teacher in Jerusalem in the early decades of the second century BC. Years later a grandson took on the daunting task of translating this book into Greek so that his grandfather's insights would benefit Jews outside the Holy Land, those seeking practical advice about how to live according to the law of Moses.

Today's Gospel is the only story depicting Jesus as an adolescent in the four Gospels. It serves two purposes. Theologically, Jesus testifies to his divine sonship by referring to God as his Father, the first time in the Gospel that Jesus makes this claim. Secondly, it offers a glimpse into family life as experienced by Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. This helps ground the theological claims of Jesus within the context of real human living. Jesus always was both fully human and fully divine.

The twelve-year-old Jesus is lost. The setting of this story is very realistic. Family members (both local plus extended) have just celebrated the Passover in a very crowded Jerusalem. On the way home, they realize that Jesus is missing. He has remained behind in Jerusalem without his parents' knowledge. No doubt it was presumed that he was somewhere among the extended fami-

ly members. Only a day later do they discover that he has, in fact, vanished.

The lost Jesus is found in the Jerusalem temple. The search for the lost Jesus went on for three days in a still very crowded Jerusalem. The level of panic on the part of the family can only be imagined. No details are given, but somehow the lost Jesus is found in the Jerusalem temple, situated in the midst of teachers listening to them and questioning them. This, of course, would be amazing, but that is not the emotion expressed by Mary and Joseph. They are astonished that this 12-year-old would put his parents through such an ordeal.

Who is this adolescent child? Once the relief of finding the child subsides, his mother lets him know in no uncertain terms how irresponsible he has been. Jesus responds on a different level, offering a theological answer to a domestic family situation. Why were his parents concerned? Do they not know who he is and what he must be about? The answer is definitely no. Jesus is the Son of God, and obedience to his Father supersedes obedience to his parents. On a human level, however, his parents win the day. Jesus finds himself back with his family, headed for Nazareth. There he will continue to grow into adulthood, acquiring wisdom and knowledge before God and humans. Excerpts from "Sunday Homily Helps", is used by permission of Franciscan Media. www.FranciscanMedia.org.©2021. All rights reserved

Saint Stephen ~d. c. 36~Feast Day: Dec. 26th



"As discipleship grew, the Greek-speaking Christians complained against the Hebrew-speaking Christians, saying that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. The Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right for us to neglect the word of God and serve at table. Brothers, select from

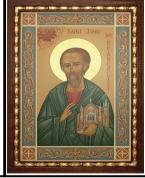
among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, and we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' They chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit." He was a man filled with grace and power, who worked great wonders. Certain Jews debated with Stephen, but proved no match in how he spoke. They persuaded others to make the charge of blasphemy against him. Seized and carried before the Sanhedrin, Stephen recalled God's guidance through Israel's history, as well as Israel's idolatry and disobedience claiming that his persecutors were showing this same spirit just as their ancestors" The crowd was angered, "But he, filled with the holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' As he was being stoned, Stephen cried out, 'Lord Jesus, receive.' ...'Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

Coming Soon ~02, January, 2022~

The Magi follow a star, travel a great distance, trust the words of others, bring and give gifts. In some countries, Epiphany and not Christmas is gift-giving day. This twelfth-day (when on the traditional 6th of January) brings to completion the manifestation of Christ, first to the Jews and today to everyone. No one is foreign to God's good grace.

- How will I search diligently for Jesus?
- What mercy work can I do for another?
- What gifts will I give to others in need?

Saint John the Evangelist ~6-100~



O Glorious Saint John, you were so loved by Jesus that you merited to rest your head upon his breast and to be left in his place as a son to Mary.
Obtain for us an ardent love for Jesus and Mary.
Let me be united with them now on earth and forever after in heaven.
Amen.
Feast Day: December 27th



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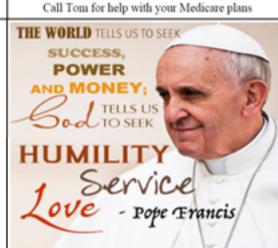
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Announcements, Events and Activities

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Jan 22	Martha Williams
Jan 23	Steve Pritchard
Jan 24	Dennis Mitsdarfer
Jan 25	Janet Carmack
Jan 26	Bobbie Morgan
Jan 28	Danica Tewell
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Jan 09 Ed Cler Jan 10 John Gilles Jan 11 Jerry Walch

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Jan 13 Darrin Wax Jan 14 Ruth Stauder Jan 14 Kim Lytle Jan 18 Ella Schweighart

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Sandy Thompson

Christine Conner

Marilyn Holmes

Tom Hettinger

Jan 20 John Smith Jan 22 Connie Mitsdarfer

Reminders

SH Altar Society will meet Wednesday Jan 19th at 6:30 pm

SH: Finance Council : Thursday Jan 13, 2022 , 6:30

pm SH Pastoral Council: Tuesday Feb 8, 2022, 6:30 pm

SM: Finance Council: Sunday January, 7:00 am

SM: Pastoral Council: Sunday, 7:00 am

Don't forget to check the bulletin board in the church vestibule for flyers about events at local area church etc. that bulletin space limitations prevent it's posting.

Condolences

Sacred Heart parish extends it's condolences to the family of Daniel (Mark) Mooney. Mark fought the good fight but succumbed in his home to cancer on Dec 15. He is survived by his mom, parishioner Doris Mooney, as well as two children Jordan and Cameron, wife Sharon, brother David (Regina), sister Cara Roy and many others including many nieces and nephews. Visitation was Sunday Dec 19 at Joines funeral home and graveside services followed at Newman cemetery. May he rest in perfect peace with the Lord now in his eternal resting place and may God be with his family as they grieve his loss

New Years Schedules

Jan 28

Dec 31 SM New Years Vigil Mass 6:30 pm Jan 1 SH New Years Mass 9am

All weekend Masses for Jan 1/2 will follow the regular weekend schedule

Thank You

There are many members of both parishes that we simply could not function without. Those folks include our Pastoral and Finance Council members, musicians, servers and lectors, collection counters, live stream filmers, and of course our PSR teachers. It has been an eventful year establishing a new "normal" and we remain hopeful that our Extraordinary Ministers will soon be able to serve in their capacity as well. In the meantime Father Aloy, our ministry coordinators, and staff are grateful beyond words for all of these folks, and any others we failed to mention, who have stepped up and given so generously of their time and talents in 2021 to help keep our little parishes, so far in proximity from Thanks so much for all you do. You are our Diocesan hub of Springfield, vibrant and

Operation G.I.F.T. Update

Another thanks must be extended to everyone who contributed to the Annual Operation G.I.F.T (Giving in Faith Together) in Villa Grove. We were able to contribute just over \$200.00 to the efforts . Thanks all for your Christmas spirit!

Baby Bottle Collection

At long last we had our baby bottles picked up and very quickly received a letter of thanks form
Choices Pregnancy and Health for our generous contributions Between the two parishes, our bottles totaled \$952.92! Wow, these funds will help in many ways to serve those women who seek services from Choices. Thay were so very grateful for everyone's generosity!!

Diocesan Pro Life Mass & March

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example of a church family. Thank You!

Sacred Heart have been a perfect and loving

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois invites all youth grades 7-12 to join in a diocesan-wide pro-life Mass and march event on Friday, January 21 in Springfield at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. We will begin with Mass at 10 a.m. followed by an 11 a.m. march to the Illinois Capital. RSVP here: https://www.dio.org/youthministry/mfl

PSR Project Deadline Extended

Just a reminder that the last day for contributions to the PSR project for the homeless will be Sunday, January 9th. The PSR students truly appreciate all of the socks, gloves, and hats that we have already received!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 4th Swedgy of 31 Ordivary Time StM 8a M.: Charles & Clela Barrett SH 10a M.: Greg Gulick & Alphie Hettinger PSR SM 8:45 - 9:150m St 9 - 9:45 am	31 te 19-9:45 am				34 SH Mass 8a MI: Harry & Loiuse Schmidt New Years Vigil SM 6:30 pm MI: Parish Families	Mr. All Parish Families Ppy YEAR SH. Confess 3:15p Mass 4p Mr. John Dee Hawkins
2 Epiphany of Ow Lord Ow Lord Ow Lord StM - 8s Maureen Denbo SH - 10a MI: Kelxi Blackford PSR SM 8:45 - 9:15am SH	3	4 SH - Mass 8a MI: John & Ruth Schweighart	5 SH - Mass 8a MI: Bernie Kramer CCA Wed 9:30 - 10:30 am	6 SH - Mass 8a M: John Dee Hawkins	7 SH - Mass 8a MI: Peggy Kramer	8 SH: Confess 3:15p Mass 4p MI: Mike Pangburn
9 Eaption of Our Lord StM - 8a MI Joe & Mike Pangburn SH - 10a MI: Ruth Schweighart PSR SM 8:45 - 9:15am SH 9 - 9:45 am	10 9-9:45 am	SH Mass 8a MI: Ursula Clavert	12 SH Mass 8a MI Betty Blackford RCIA Wed 9:30 - 10:30 am	13 SH MAss 8a MI Brigit Pegeen Kelly	14 SH Mass 8a MI: Ruth Schweighart	15 SH Confess 3:15p Mass 4p MI: Jack & Lois Holmes & Karen Matthews
16 2nd Sunday in 17 ordinary time Palas MI: John Sullivan SH - 10a MI: Mike Pangburn PSR SM 8:45 - 9:15om 5H 9 - 9:45 am	LIK	18 SH - Mass 8a Mi: Ruth Schweighart	SH Mass 8aMI: Par & Martha Carr RCIA Wed 9:30 - 10:30 am	20 SH-Mass 8a Mi: Pat Carr	21 SH - Mass 8a MI: Broc Winn	23 SH: Confess 3:15p Mass 4p MI: Alan Bender
23 3rd Sunday of 24 Ordinary Time StM - 8a Mi: Lois Hart & Brian Kelly SH - 10a Mi: Clarice Schweighart PSR 5M 8:45 - 9:15 am		25 SH - Mass 8a MI: Mary & Woody Kramer	26 SH - Mass 8a MI: Pat & Martha Carr RCIA Wed 9:30 - 10:30 am	27 SH Mss 8a Mi: Mike Pangburn	28 SH Mass 8a Mi: Ruth Schweighart	29 SH MAss 8a MI: Fred Dillon



The following parishioners have generously contibuted help beautify our churches this Christmas season. Thanks to everyone. The churches looked just beautiful!

Matthew & Elizabeth Harbaugh, Jeff & Marilyn Holmes, Tony Kramer, Jim Kremitzki, John & Amber Schweighart, Tom & Gayle Schuett, Brian & Theresa Smith, Colleen Stovall, Ollie & Ruth Ann Smith, Jerry Trammel, Neal & Shelly Wood, Justin & Darcy Wood, Dr Jerrad & Ellen Zimmerman

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