

Welcome to the Church of St. Patrick's

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 13

5 p.m.-5:30 p.m..... **Confession**
6:00 p.m..... **Ocone** - Evelyn Flesch

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 a.m..... Mack Motes by Denise Tex Family
9:30 a.m..... Heritage Health - Dr. Fritz & Ann Siegert
by Bill & Gayle Siegert & Family

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 a.m..... Deceased Members of Chernisky Family
by Bill Chernisky

Thursday, March 16

8:00 a.m..... Charlie Holthaus
by Terri Mary Kay, & Michelle

Saturday, March 18

4:00 p.m. Nancy Lehn

Sunday, March 19

7:30 a.m..... **Ocone** – Gloria Kuhn
9:00 a.m..... Pete Pollman by Family
10:30 a.m..... Parishioners

NOTICE: If You Are Unable To Be A Server, Gift Bearer, Lector,
Extraordinary Minister, Homebound Extraordinary Minister
At Your Assigned Time, Please Find A Replacement.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

 **The Sanctuary Candle**, the *Eternal Light*, will be lit the week of March 12 for the Kindermann Family by Family.

WELCOME

Please welcome and thank Fr. Weltin in celebrating Mass with us this weekend. This will be his last weekend with us.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY

Note: St. Patrick’s Day, March 17, this year falls on a Friday during Lent. Please call the parish office to arrange for Fr. Rodney to place you on a dispensation list from eating meat this day. A letter will then be sent out to you granting the dispensation. Please call early!

MEETINGS

PSR

Wed., March 15, Grades K-5 – 3:30-4:30 p.m. – Parish Hall

Finance Council

Wed., March 15 – 7:00 p.m. – Rectory Basement

Ministry Schedule

Servers

Saturday 4:00 p.m.....Wyatt Florey
Sunday 9:00 a.m.....Aaron Moss
10:30 a.m.....Cash Lynch

Extraordinary Ministers

Saturday 4:00 p.m.....Gary Wnuk
Sunday 9:00 a.m.....Dave LeDuc
10:30 a.m.....Jeremy Taylor

Lectors

Saturday 4:00 p.m.....John McLeod
Sunday 9:00 a.m.....Dick Moss
10:30 a.m.....Stacy Taylor

Weekly Contributions

February 25 - February 26, 2023

We Need \$10,363 Each Week

Church Operations

Regular\$7,585.69
Major Repairs\$525.00
Buildings & Grounds.....\$185.00
Utility Fund.....\$15.00
Ash Wednesday\$65.00
Christmas\$15.00
Solemnity of Mary.....\$15.00
First Offering.....\$21.00
Loose.....\$465.00
School (Church’s Support).....\$2,088.18

Other Collections – Sent to Specific Causes

Needy\$235.00
Church in Europe\$15.00
Church in Latin America\$15.00
Rice Bowl.....\$15.00
Easter Flowers.....\$355.00
Children’s Home.....\$20.00
Catholic Relief Services.....\$40.00
Catholic Charities.....\$585.00

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Anyone needing a contribution statement for the 2022 year please call the church office at 562-5396.

DR. JOSEPH MARCIN

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

On the back page of our bulletin is a suggested Business Directory. Please consider these businesses for their products or services. Because of them, this bulletin is cost-free to the Parish. When you patronize one of them, tell them you saw their ad on our bulletin.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

- 1. ABSTINENCE** – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2. FAST** – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person’s needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
- 3.** To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

MAY THIS HOLY SEASON BE A TIME OF
SPIRITUAL RENEWAL FOR EACH OF US!

LENTEN LUNCHEON
Wednesday, March 15

Noon – 1:00 p.m.
Meal Host: Celebration Community Church
Speaker: United in Faith Church

TUITION NOTICE

It is time to apply for financial assistance through our School Tuition Assistance program, FACTS. All applications **MUST** be filled out on-line prior to April 1, 2023. Any applications after this date will automatically be rejected. Grant money is raised through contributions by St. Patrick’s Church. Therefore, the following qualifications **MUST** be met:

- 1.** Registered membership at St. Patrick’s Church.
- 2.** Participating in Mass regularly at St. Patrick’s as a family to promote the Catholic faith in your home.
- 3.** Donate to the church whenever possible.

Activity in the church, as well as Sacred Heart School, is mandatory to remain in the tuition assistance program. To apply for assistance visit online.factsmgt.com/aid. Please call Chrissy at the church office (562-5396) if you have any questions.

OVERCOMING DISASTER

In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing – destroying farms, homes and more – making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

KING OF CLUBS

The next K of C “King of Clubs” drawing is Saturday, March 11 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Board will be set up at 5:00 p.m. 50/50 available. The jackpot is \$12,600. Menu will be determined. Must have a PIN number to play. Numbers are free and available when King of Club tickets are sold. Tickets available on Wednesdays prior to the drawing from 4-8:00 p.m. and up to 6:45 p.m. day of the drawing. Please visit facebook.com/PanaKofC896 for additional information.

BAPTISMAL SESSIONS

The next Pre-baptismal session is set for Sunday, May 7 immediately following the 10:30 Mass in the RECTORY BASEMENT. These sessions are required by Canon law for all parents wishing to have a child baptized. Registration is required, so please call the parish office 217-562-5396 to sign up no later than Friday, May 5.

MATCHING DONATIONS

If you would like to donate to Sacred Heart School, please find out if your employer will do a matching gift! Many employers will match a personal donation given by an employee to a non-profit, or even give more! This is a great opportunity for SHS to receive the maximum benefit from your donation. Every dollar counts!

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry is collecting food and nonperishable items **EVERY** Saturday and Sunday. Baskets are located in the church vestibule for your convenience. Please remember those who have very little. One canned good/item from each family one weekend a month can make a difference. Food Pantry is open on Mondays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and Fridays 3:00-5:30 p.m.

PANA K OF C LENTEN FISH FRY

Pana K of C will hold their last Lenten Fish Fry on March 24. Menu includes choice of Fried Walleye, Fried Shrimp, and Cheese Pizza; side servings of Fries, Cole Slaw, Baked Potato Bar, Mac & Cheese, Pasta Salad, plus Dessert and Drink. Dine in or carry-out. Serving from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Adults \$13 and Kids 12 & under \$7.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

Sacred Heart Church (722 N. Springfield St., Virden) will be hosting the International Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit on Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. each day. There will be no charge for the exhibit, but donations are accepted. Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the church during exhibit hours. For more information, please contact the parish office at 217-965-4545.

SHS FUNDRAISER

Sacred Heart School is holding a **Pizza Man fundraiser** on Tuesday, March 14. Pizza Man will be donating 10% of your total bill (dine in or carry out) to Sacred Heart School.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Pat’s will be holding Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent at 2:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend!

SHS SCHOLARSHIP

A new scholarship opportunity is open to ANY Sacred Heart School Family. Please print and fill out the application found on www.shspana.com/scholarships or pick up an application from the church office. All application are due by April 1, 2023. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1, 2023.

Demonstrating Christian Values Award

February 2023



Sitting: Ashlyn Anderson - 3rd Grade (Daughter of Allie & Tyler Epley & Eli & Jess Anderson), Deb Zueck - Principal, Jaxon Culumber - 2nd Grade (Son of Debbie & Josh Culumber)

Standing: Abraham Morrow - 3rd Grade (Son of Annette & Jesse Morrow), Cal Matthews - 2nd Grade (Son of Kim & Jared Matthews)

All students at Sacred Heart are eligible for this award. Students are nominated by staff members who witness students demonstrating the Christian Values that we teach at Sacred Heart School. Children nominated are given a Demonstrating Christian Values slip that is brought to the office and are given a small prize. On Friday of each week, the student slips are placed in a box and one name is drawn out. This child is named Student of the Week.

**Congratulations....Ashlyn,
Jaxon, Abraham & Cal
from the Staff, Faculty
and Students of
Sacred Heart School!**





DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of this collection helps victims of war and natural disasters receive emergency assistance; assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized immigration legal assistance; and supports travelers and people whose livelihoods require special pastoral support and access to the sacraments.

Seafarers from around the world sail into the busy ports along the Gulf of Mexico. Because of language barriers, unfamiliarity with the location, and quarantine restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they have special material and pastoral needs. Fortunately, volunteers from the Stella Maris ministry welcome sailors entering the ports at Point Comfort, Texas, and Mobile, Alabama. Port chaplains celebrate Mass aboard ships, and lay volunteers distribute care packages and Christmas gifts to the sailors, including Bibles, rosaries, and other devotional items. In addition to serving seafarers with visits, gifts, and spiritual support, the centers in Mobile and Point Comfort organized free COVID-19 vaccination clinics for the crews. In 2021, the center at Point Comfort visited 30 ships and gave 268 vaccines to sailors from 22 different nations, while the Mobile center cooperated with local businesses, government agencies, and a Baptist-run ministry to arrange vaccinations for 1,200 sailors.

Stella Maris was founded in 1920 to bring the Church's saving message aboard ships. Over the past century, it has grown into a worldwide ministry to seafarers, port workers, cruise ship passengers, and others associated with the maritime industry. The U.S. national office is a ministry of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on Pastoral Care for Migrants, Refugees and Travelers, which The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports. When you contribute to the collection, you support this special ministry that welcomes and provides for seafarers who are far from home. As one ship captain said of Mobile's Stella Maris ministry, "You not only provide items that all require and have trouble obtaining due to the pandemic, but you remind these guys that someone is thinking about them."

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois