

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

PRAY † TEACH † SERVE

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

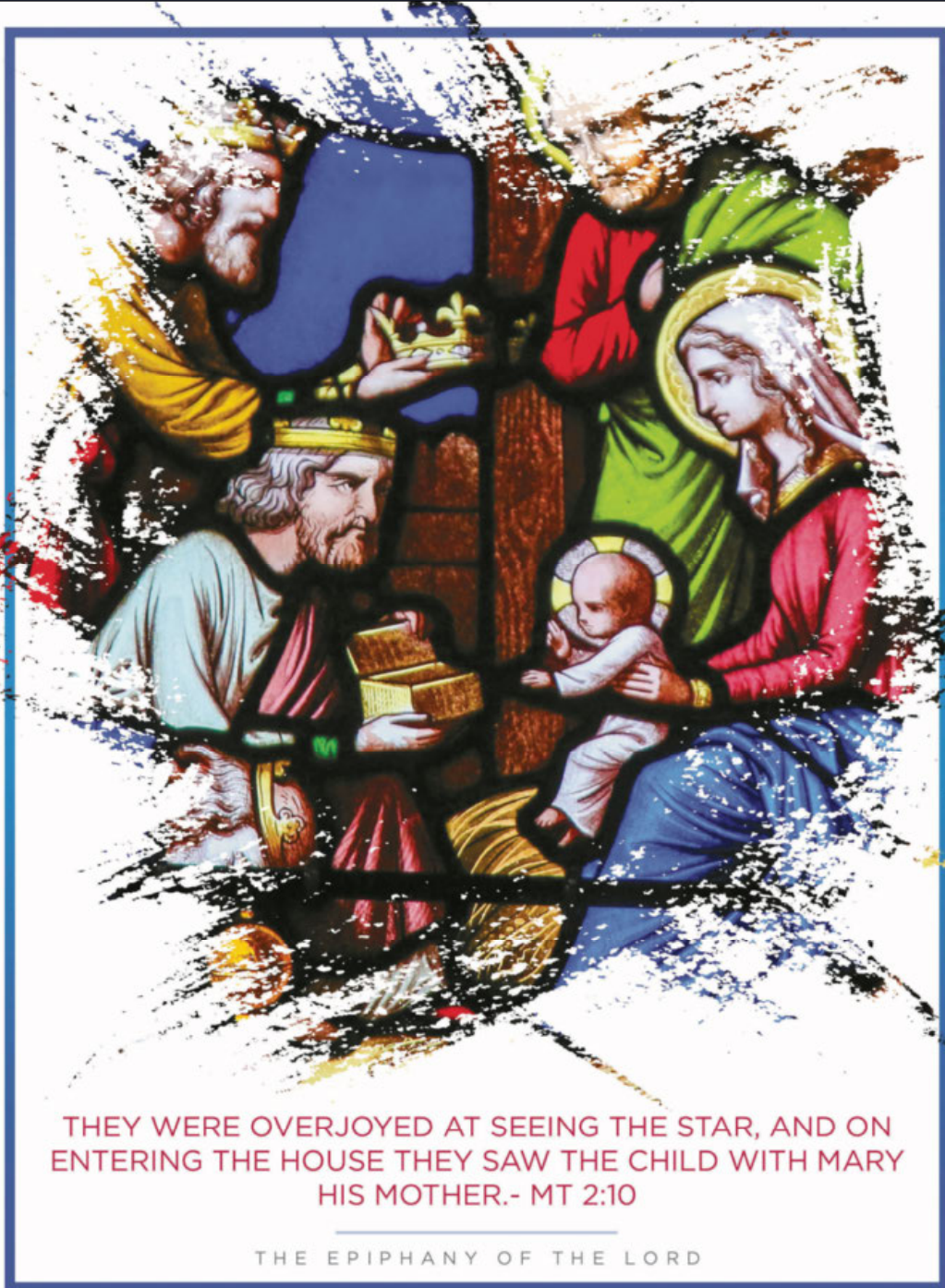
The Epiphany of the Lord

## Mission Statement

We are a Eucharistic Community which recognizes and values the dignity of each person by responding to the Gospel.

We are called to

*Pray, Teach and Serve.*



THEY WERE OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE STAR, AND ON ENTERING THE HOUSE THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH MARY HIS MOTHER.- MT 2:10

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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## Weekend Mass

**Saturday Vigil** 5:30 PM  
**Sunday** 8:30 AM  
10:00 AM

## Daily Mass

**Monday** 7:00 AM  
**Tuesday** 7:00 AM  
**Wednesday** 7:00 AM  
**Friday** 7:00 AM  
**Saturday** 8:30 AM

## Communion Service

**Thursday** 7:00 AM

## Confession

**Monday** 7:30 AM  
**Tuesday** 7:30 AM  
**Saturday** 9:00 AM  
4:30-5:15 PM

## Adoration

**Friday** 7:30 AM Exposition  
8:30 AM Benediction

## Baptism

Please call the parish office to make arrangements for baptism at least 2 months in advance.

## Matrimony

Please call the parish office to make arrangements for marriage at least 6 months in advance.

## Pastor

Reverend Bruce Ludeke

## Permanent Deacon

Ken Funk

# Pray

## Mass Intentions

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>1/03</b>	7:00 AM	Sacred Heart Parishioners
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>1/04</b>	7:00 AM	† Connie Fritz
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>1/05</b>	7:00 AM	† Larry Lubbs
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>1/06</b>	7:00 AM	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>1/07</b>	7:00 AM	Liv. Members of the Purgatorial Society † Robert J. Bernard † Aldona Miloch † Al, Mary & Kathleen Dieterle
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>1/08</b>	8:30 AM 5:30 PM	† Gerald Marco † Charles Vogelsang
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>1/09</b>	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	† Pamela King Sacred Heart Parishioners
<b>Sanctuary Lamp</b>		In memory of Jack & Evelyn Egan	

## Prayer before Communion

Dear Lord, may I receive you in this communion with open arms and a loving, contrite heart, so that I may be filled with your grace, for my good and Your glory! Amen.



## Thanksgiving After Holy Communion

I thank you, Eternal Father, for giving me as the food of my soul, the Body and Blood of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May this Divine Food preserve and increase the union of my soul with you. May it purify me by repressing every evil inclination. Grant that it may be to me a pledge of a glorious resurrection on the last day. O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I love you with all my heart. I am sorry for ever having offended you, and I desire never to offend you again. Amen.

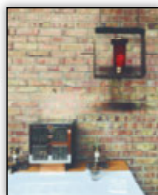
## St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



## Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The sanctuary lamp over the tabernacle is sponsored each week either in memory of, or for the living intentions of the loved ones of our parishioners. If you would like to sponsor a week, please contact the parish office. The suggested donation is \$10.



## New Missalettes

Our weekly missalettes are available for you to pick up for following along in Mass or when participating in Mass at home. Missalettes can be purchased this weekend or pick one up during office hours. Mon-Fri 9 AM-3 PM for a \$5.00 donation.



*Happy New Year*

# Teach

## Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



<https://sacredheartchurchnorco.org/prayers-to-our-lady-of-perpetual-help>

O Lord Jesus Christ, who gave us your Mother Mary, whose renowned image we venerate, to be a Mother ever ready to help us; grant we beseech You, that we who constantly implore her motherly aid, may merit to enjoy perpetually the fruits of Your redemption, Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

*Mary's powerful intercession on our behalf is expressed so beautifully by this great prayer, the **Memorare**, of St Bernard (who was so deeply loved by St Alphonsus!):*

**Memorare:** Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen!

## The Epiphany Chalk House Blessing

This weekend we put out chalk that has been blessed for you to ask God's blessing on your home and those who live in or visit your home. Below are the instructions for blessing your home.



(chalk still available in the parish office after the weekend)

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door, the brick above your door, or front porch step as follows: **20 + C + M + B + 19** while saying:

**The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and seventeen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.**

Then offer the following prayer:

**Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen**

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, Christus mansionem benedictat, "May Christ bless the house."

## Thank you

Fr. Bruce would like to thank everyone for the cards and or gifts he received during this holiday season.



# Serve

## Diocesan Stewardship Appeal 2021-22

**Goal: \$34,212**  
**Donated to date: \$21,995.00**  
**Amount at this date last year: \$25,260.75**



Thank you to those who have given to the 2021-22 Diocesan Appeal. If you have not donated there is still time to do so.

## Exciting News!!!

### Sacred Heart Church High School Youth Group



**When:** January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24  
**Where:** Sacred Heart Church basement, 2224 Ave J, Sterling, IL  
**Time:** 11 AM-12:15 PM  
Contact Melinda Hutchinson for more information.  
**Bring your friends and come check it out!!!**

### Sacred Heart Church Middle School Youth Group



**When:** January 16, February 13, March 20, April 10  
**Where:** Sacred Heart Church basement, 2224 Ave J, Sterling, IL  
**Time:** 11 AM-12:15 PM  
Contact Melinda Hutchinson for more information.  
**Bring your friends and come check it out!!!**

## Job opening at Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart has a job opening for a Director/Coordinator of Music & Liturgy. This position will be part time and salary is commensurate with experience. We would like to have this person start ASAP. Applications and a detailed position description can be found online at [www.sacredheartparish.net](http://www.sacredheartparish.net). Contact Julie in the parish office for more details: 815-625-1134.

## Amazon Smile

Do your holiday shopping and earn money for Sacred Heart Church! Go to Amazon Smile and search for Sacred Heart Church in Sterling, IL. You will be giving a percentage of your purchase directly to Sacred Heart Church!



## Whiteside County Senior Center

Starting Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the Senior Center will resume in person services and activities to combat senior isolation. The daily lunches will be served Monday to Thursday from 11 AM until 12 PM.



Happy Birthday from Fr. Bruce and the Sacred Heart Staff!

**Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Dr. Eric Riley

**Jan 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Nancy Newberry

**Jan 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Kyle Mattox  
Kay Turk

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Jax Hutchison  
Raul Reyes

**Jan 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Gary Bauer  
Jake Scroggins  
Vicki Van Natta  
Heather Zigler

**Jan 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Pauline Marquez  
Michael Sunday

**Jan 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Michelle Boesen

## Military Prayer List

**2nd Lt. Ryan Arndt, 2nd Lt. Connor Brown, Dominic Burke, Jacob Burke, PFC John M. Clark, Staff Sgt. Adam Hodge, Captain Zach Passini, Joshua Sweeney, Eric Thom, Andrew Valentino**  
Almighty God, We stand before you in supplication, asking Your Divine mercy and protection, to envelop with Your invincible armor, our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. Amen.

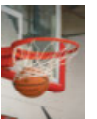


## St. Mary's School

The St. Mary's School Christmas break will be Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> through Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. The children will return to school on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Basketball Free Throw Competition

It's that time once again!! Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual free throw contest. This contest is open to all girls and boys between the ages of 9 and 14. Trophies/certificates will be awarded to the winners in each of the 6 age groups for both girls and boys. The gym will open at 3 PM and the contests will start at 3:30 PM. Winners will advance to the next competition in Dixon.



## Gianna's House

Gianna's House is in need of new or gently used winter sleepers/pj's size newborn to toddler. Donations can be dropped off to Gianna's House enclosed front porch 24/7. For questions call/text Colleen 815-213-0290.

## Newman Central Catholic High School

Do you have an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student in our area?  
Do you know someone who has an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student in our area?  
Help us spread the word to all prospective students in our area who are considering the next step in their educational journey.  
Contact Newman Central Catholic High School for details: [development@newmancchs.org](mailto:development@newmancchs.org) (815) 625 0500 x102.

**Please be considerate and wear your mask when coming to Mass. We do not want to be the reason that other parishioners are afraid to come to Mass.**



## Parish Office

Hours.....Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
 Phone ..... 815-625-1134  
 Fax.....815-625-1138  
 Rectory, *Emergency Only* .....815-625-0631

## Parish Staff

### Pastor

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Lupe Larson.....sheartoffice@gmail.com

### Prayer Chain for Special Intentions

Call.....815-625-1134  
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## Weekly Collection

### Your Gift to God last weekend was:

Amount Required Weekly	\$5,711.54
Envelope & Loose Collection	\$
Online Giving	\$
Weekly Total (12/12/2021)	\$
YTD Required	\$
YTD Collected (Week 24)	\$
Total Envelope Holders	
Envelopes Used	
% Contributed	
<b>Tithing 5%</b>	\$

Totals not available  
 at time of publication

Raffle Winner \$100.00

## Schedule of Ministers

Saturday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>

### Lectors:

5:30 PM **Volunteer Needed**  
 8:30 AM John Clark  
 10:00 AM RE Students



### Ushers:

5:30 PM Gary & Denise Mosher  
 8:30 AM Jeff & Brenda Gould  
 10:00 AM Raul, Sr. & Raquel Reyes

### Servers:

5:30 PM Jax Hutchinson  
 10:00 AM Anthony & Kellen Selmi

**Please contact Lupe Larson at 815-625-1134 or sheartoffice@gmail.com if you can help out in these roles!**

**ONE IN CHRIST**  
 NATIONAL APPEAL  
 January 15-16, 2022

- Retirement Fund for Religious
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Catholic Communication Campaign
- Catholic University of America
- Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension
- Catholic Elementary School Financial Support for the Diocese of Rockford

Please bring the National Appeal envelope to Mass, or donate online at [www.rockforddiocese.org/donate](http://www.rockforddiocese.org/donate)

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

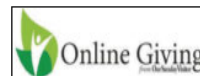
Give yourselves the best Christmas present ever – take time for your marriage.



Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in person Experiences on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> in Madison, WI or April 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> in Brookfield, WI. Visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.

## Forget your envelope?

Use Online Giving to keep up on off offertory. Go to [www.sacredheartparish.net](http://www.sacredheartparish.net)



and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy. Your support during times away from the parish helps to sustain us. Thank you!

## The Epiphany of the Lord

### Entrance Antiphon

**Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 29:12**

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

### Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### First Reading

**Is 60:1-6**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13**

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

## Second Reading

**Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

## Gospel

**Matthew 2:1-12**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man (*rise*). For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Petition Response: Lord, may your kingdom come.**

## Communion

**Matthew 2:2**

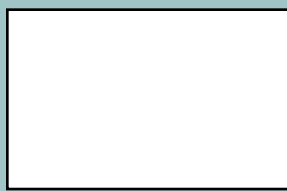
We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



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