

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

PRAY † TEACH † SERVE

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Baptism 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.*



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM 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

**Mon. 1/10** 7:00 AM † Amy Edison  
**Tues. 1/11** 7:00 AM † Deacon Art Holt  
**Wed. 1/12** 7:00 AM † Edward Alisauksis  
**Thurs. 1/13** 7:00 AM **Communion Service**  
**Fri. 1/14** 7:00 AM † Aldona Miloch  
**Sat. 1/15** 8:30 AM † Michelle Kich  
 5:30 PM † Bob Oberle  
**Sun. 1/16** 8:30 AM † Jim Foley  
 10:00 AM Sacred Heart Parishioners

**Sanctuary Lamp** Living Intention for Alice Garland

## 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.

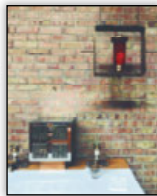
## St. Michael Prayer

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.



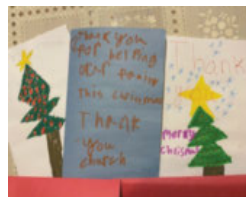
## Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

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.



## Giving Tree Project

We would like to thank all those who participated in the Giving Tree Project this year, with a special shout out to Dick and Carol Baumann and Jaclyn Sprague. Once again you have opened up your hearts and wallets to bring the message of Christmas to those less fortunate. There are some handwritten thank you cards on the bulletin board in the narthex from some of the children you shopped for this year. In all we had 13 families which totaled 50 children in all! Until next December, have a safe and healthy New Year!



# Teach

## First Novena Prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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



Behold at thy feet, O Mother of Perpetual Help, a wretched sinner who has recourse to thee and confides in thee. O Mother of mercy, have pity on me. I hear thee called by all the refuge and the hope of sinners: be then, my refuge and my hope. Assist me, for the love of Jesus Christ; stretch forth thy hand to a miserable fallen creature who recommends himself to thee, and who devotes himself to thy service for ever. I bless and thank Almighty God, who in His mercy has given me this confidence in thee, which I hold to be a pledge of my eternal salvation. It is true that in the past I have miserably fallen into sin, because I had not recourse to thee. I know that, with thy help, I shall conquer. I know, too, that thou wilt assist me, if I recommend myself to thee; but I fear that, in time of danger, I may neglect to call on thee, and thus lose my soul. The grace, then, I ask of thee, and this I beg, with all the fervor of my soul, that in all the attacks of hell I may ever have recourse to thee. O Mary, help me. O Mother of Perpetual Help, never suffer me to lose my God. Say 3 Hail Mary's.

## 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.



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

<b>Jan 11<sup>th</sup></b> Trevan Burn Addison Foster Amy Mandrell James Preston	<b>Jan 13<sup>th</sup></b> Bradley Smith <b>Jan 14<sup>th</sup></b> Jill Alston Gabrielle Scroggins Charles White	<b>Jan 15<sup>th</sup></b> Andrew Olson <b>Jan 16<sup>th</sup></b> Lynn Heffelfinger Jaqueline Warkins
<b>Jan 12<sup>th</sup></b> Alice Garland Sue Nestor Jacob Thormeyer		

## Need to find a Mass Out of Town?

Check out [MassTimes.org](http://MassTimes.org) to find churches & Mass times.



# Serve

## Diocesan Stewardship Appeal 2021-22

**Goal: \$34,212**  
**Donated to date: \$22,395.00**  
**Amount at this date last year: \$26,660.75**



Thank you to the following donor who has recently given to the 2021-22 Diocesan Appeal.

- Mrs. Carol Mohr

If you have not already 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

**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,

**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.

## St. Anne Job Openings

St. Anne Parish in Dixon is looking for a part-time parish bookkeeper (call 815-288-3131).



St. Anne School is looking for a part-time, 5 days a week school bookkeeper/office assistant (call 815-288-5619).

## 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!



## Nativity Pageant 2021

Thank you to all our kids who participated.  
You did a great job!



## 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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### Permanent Deacon

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

### Prayer Chain for Special Intentions

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## Weekly Collection

### Your Gift to God last weekend was:

Amount Required Weekly	\$5,711.54
Envelope & Loose Collection	\$1,760.00
Online Giving	\$3,662.00
Weekly Total (1/2/2022)	\$5,422.00
YTD Required	\$154,211.58
YTD Collected (Week 27)	\$143,993.51
Total Envelope Holders	529
Envelopes Used	76
% Contributed	15
<b>Tithing 5%</b>	\$271.00 Caring Place Ministry

Raffle Winner Olivia Quiroz \$100.00

## Schedule of Ministers

Saturday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>

### Lectors:

5:30 PM Eric Kuhns  
 8:30 AM Tom Ausman  
 10:00 AM Amber Allen



### Ushers:

5:30 PM Linda & Anna Kuhns  
 8:30 AM John Clark & **1 Volunteer Needed**  
 10:00 AM **2 Volunteers Needed**

### Servers:

5:30 PM Colin & Giuliana Messer  
 10:00 AM Seamus McDonnell & Loren Fox

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

# ONE IN CHRIST

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 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 Baptism of the Lord

### Entrance Antiphon Matthew 3:16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

### 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 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street, a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

**R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire.

**R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters. The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

**R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, Glory!" The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

**R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

## Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

## Gospel

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

## 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:** Rejoice, our Savior is born!

## Communion

John 1:32, 34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

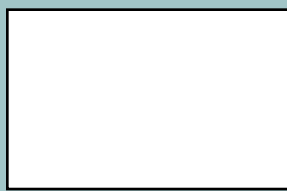
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