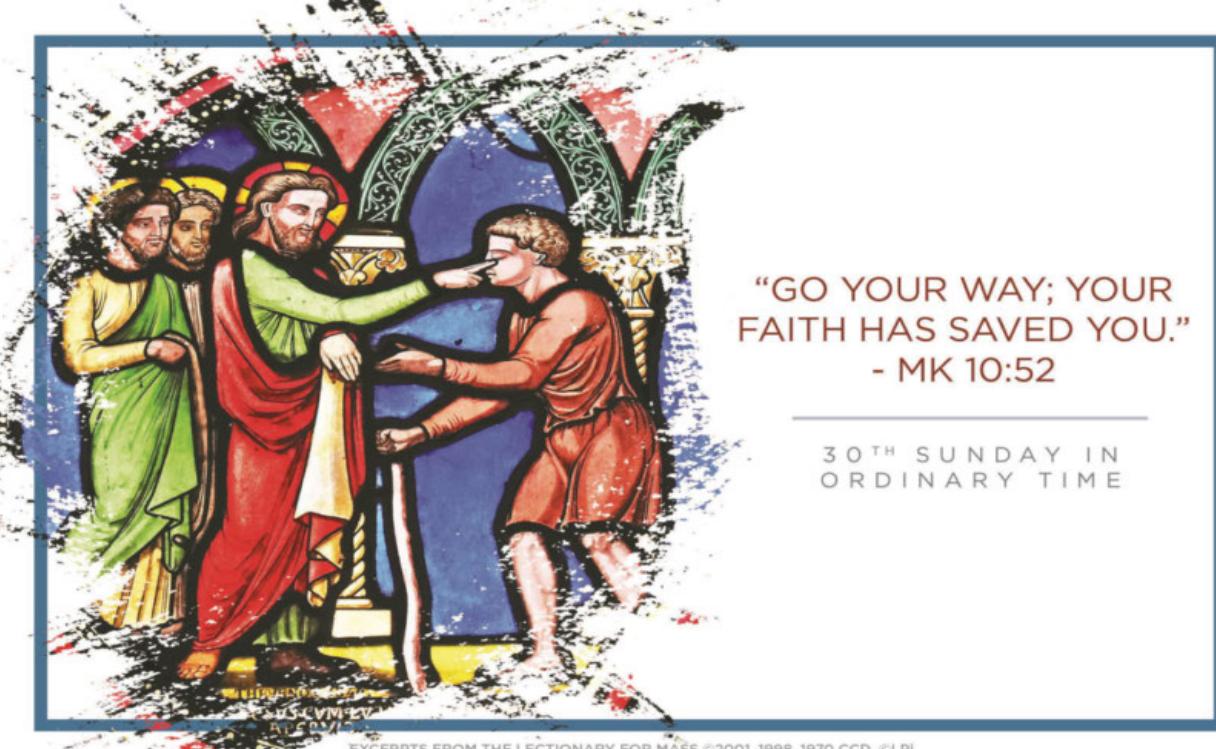




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## ◊ LITURGY SCHEDULE ◊

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 AM  
Thursday Communion Service: 7:00 AM  
Saturday: 8:30 AM

### CONFESIONS

Monday-Tuesday: 7:30 AM  
Friday: during Adoration  
Saturday: 9:00 AM & 4:30 PM

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday anticipatory: 5:30 PM  
(with livestream on YouTube)  
Sunday: 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

### ADORATION

Friday: following 7:00 AM Mass until 8:30 AM

### Mission Statement

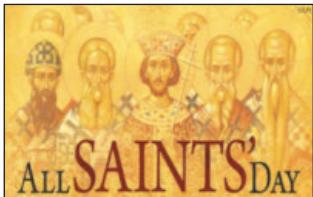
We are a Eucharistic Community which recognizes and values  
the dignity of each person by responding to the Gospel.  
We are called to  
Pray, Teach and Serve.

# Pray

## Mass Intentions

Mon. 10/28 7:00 AM †John Baumann  
Tues. 10/29 7:00 AM †Joanne Armoska  
Wed. 10/30 7:00 AM †Mike Hoyle  
Thurs. 10/31 7:00 AM Communion Service  
Fri. 11/01 7:00 AM Living Members of the Purgatorial Society  
†Al, Mary & Kathleen Dieterle  
5:30 PM Sacred Heart Parishioners  
Sat. 11/02 8:30 AM Living Intentions of Robert Snyder  
5:30 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Balk, Barta & Reisner Families  
Sun. 11/03 8:30 AM †Nancy Hafner  
10:00 AM Sacred Heart Parishioners  
Sanctuary Lamp In memory of Frances Clark

## All Saint's Day - November 1<sup>st</sup> (Holy Day of Obligation)



### Holy Day Masses

Friday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>  
7:00 AM  
10:00 AM with Newman HS  
5:30 PM

The parish office  
will be closed.

## 2025 Mass Intentions

January to September of 2025 is open for mass intentions. We can begin scheduling for October 2025 on November 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to schedule an intention, you can either stop in the parish office or call 815-625-1134. The suggested donation is \$10.

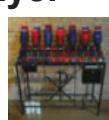
## 2025 Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

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



## Lighting a candle as a form of prayer

Do you have an intention that lies heavy on your heart? Consider lighting a votive candle in the church, asking God to grant you his comfort and peace.



## 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.



## Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.



## Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30 PM Deacon Kevin, Brian Grummert,  
Carver Grummert  
8:30 AM Beth Hollaway, Susie LeMay, Greg Nickrent  
10:00 AM Sam Ramirez, Jr., Kim Ramirez, Jessie Mason

### Lectors:

5:30 PM Peg Hoffmiller  
8:30 AM Beth Hollaway, Susie LeMay  
10:00 AM Children



### Servers:

5:30 PM Max Grummert  
8:30 AM Bentley Doty  
10:00 AM Henry Sprague, Ace Olson

### Ushers:

5:30 PM Brian & Michelle Grummert  
8:30 AM Greg & Margaret Nickrent  
10:00 AM Nate & Riley Mason

### Cantors:

5:30 PM Barb Westra  
8:30 AM Kathy Schmidt  
10:00 AM Children's Choir

## The Book of the Dead

The Book of the Dead is out in the Narthex for you to put your loved ones names in who have died that we will pray for the month of November.



## Rosary for the Unborn Child

Please join us on *Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>* to pray the rosary at 8:00 AM before the 8:30 AM Mass. It will be led by a Sterling Knights of Columbus member.



## Women's Advent Dinner

Women's Advent Dinner, *6:00 PM, Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>*. If you are interested in being a hostess, helping work it (our men of the parish,) being a guest, or helping to chair the event, please contact the office or Amber directly.



## Sacred Heart Annual Raffle Tickets

The October 20<sup>th</sup> raffle winner is Amy Heffelfinger. The Sacred Heart raffle tickets can be purchased now in the parish office during office hours and are \$50 each. The proceeds will go towards the new HVAC system.



## Thank You to our Church & Linen Cleaners!

A big thank you to Sue Nestor & Doris Hageman who were our church cleaners for the month of October and to Michelle Johnson who cleaned the church linens for the month of October. The November church cleaner is Sue Kirkland and for the church linens is Julie Elliot. Thank you for all you do.



## Daylight Savings Time

**Ends November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Turn your clocks back!





**Target goal: \$32,233.00**

**Registered families: 378**

**Pledged: \$24,273**

**Balance due: \$7,960**



Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable

Your gifts to the Diocesan Appeal support those who need our help the most: the poor, the marginalized, the hungry, the elder, and the unborn. Programs and Ministries Funded Include: Catholic Charities, Life Office, St. Elizabeth Catholic Community Center.

**Thank you to all who have pledged and/or contributed to the 2024 Diocesan Appeal. Please join Sacred Heart in supporting the 2024 Diocesan Appeal.**

**If we fall short, we have to make up the difference. If we exceed our goal, it comes back to our parish!**

**Ways to donate:** There are extra envelopes located on the narthex table, use the 2024 Diocesan Appeal pledge card, donate through OSV (online giving), text DONATE to (815) 885-5806, or scan the QR code to directly access the website payable to Sacred Heart-DA.

## Military Prayer List

Lucas Anguish

Ryan Arndt

Connor Brown

Dominic Burke

Jacob Burke

John M. Clark

Colin Messer

Brady Moran

Justin Morgan

Zac Muntean

Ethan Nash

Devon Parker

Zach Passini

Madison Rauenbuehler

Joshua Sweeney

Eric Thom

Andrew Valentino

Lucas Velasquez

Gary Velasquez, Jr.



## Prayer for All Saints Day

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshiping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to your image, seeking your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to your glory, and to the service of my neighbors. Amen.

## Weekly Collection- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for your weekly contributions.

We had 100 families (27%) contribute between online and envelopes.

Total contributions \$5,656.00

September YTD

Collections \$83,479.49

Expenses September \$83,311.40

5% Tithe Elder Care Services \$1,294



Go to [www.sacredheartparish.net](http://www.sacredheartparish.net) and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy. Thank you.

## Facts About Pope Francis

Pope Francis' favorite saint is St. Therese of Lisieux. Who is your favorite saint?

## Parish Office

**Hours** ..... Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM  
**Hours** ..... Closed on Friday's  
**Phone** ..... 815-625-1134  
**Fax** ..... 815-625-1138  
**Rectory, Emergency Only** ..... 815-625-0631

## Parish Staff

**Pastor** ..... Rev. Thomas J. Doyle.....ext. 3

**Permanent Deacon** ..... Kevin Nestor.....815-499-8002  
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**Coordinator of RCIA** ..... Gonzalo Reyes  
Email.....sheartRCIA@gmail.com

**Prayer Chain for Special Intentions** ..... Call.....815-625-1134  
Email.....sheartoffice@gmail.com

## 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 to 1 year in advance.



## Happy Birthday from Fr. Doyle and the Sacred Heart Staff!

Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> Caysen Gilbert	Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> Janell Hughes Ryan Murphy Corine Smith	Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ashley Nares Ainsley Reed
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> Tracy Ahlers Tom Ausman Marjorie Karwath Nancy Olson Timothy Papoccia Gonzalo Reyes	Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> Tammy Moran Nora Murphy Harry Waldschmidt Easton Wright Steve Yde	Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> Henry Merdian James Reed Gail Terveer Claire Von Holten Patrick Warkins

## Bookkeeper Job Opening

St. Mary's Parish in Sterling is in need of a part-time bookkeeper. The bookkeeper assists the Pastor with the stewardship of the financial, and personnel resources of the parish, in accordance with diocesan policies and guidelines. Work hours are flexible at approximately 20 hours per week. If you are interested in the position, please contact Fr. Keenan, Pastor at (815) 625-0640.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

- ♦ Let the colors of fall remind you to rediscover the beauty of your marriage.
- ♦ Worldwide Marriage Encounter has all the tools you need for a great marriage.
- ♦ Sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on November 16-17, at the Blanchette Center, Crest Hill, IL or February 14-16, 2025, in Geneva, IL
- ♦ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call (888) 574-5653.



## Calling All Bakers!!

If you would like to help our parish support Hospice this year, please sign up to bake on the sheets located in the narthex. We will need cookies, candies, or snack mixes to the church by 10 AM on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Cookies will be re-packaged with other cookies, so no need to make a pretty presentation. Disposable containers are preferred. For more details call Linda Kuhns at 815-441-5655.



## October 27<sup>th</sup>

"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. ... Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need [respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection](http://respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection).



## FORMATION IN THE FAMILY

Vatican II reminded Catholics: "The family is...the domestic church." The theological virtues of faith, hope, and love are witnessed by children and put into practice by everyone - **first and foremost within the family**. Our households are meant to be places of prayer. The home is the everyday church for the everyday sermon and life lesson, the earliest school where charity and coping skills are learned, the roof under which morning and evening prayers are prayed! Childhood ought to be filled with joy. Children must realize that their lives have value. They must be shown that life is worth *living*! Some writers have tackled the pro-life issue by writing kid-friendly books on the topic, reminding children that life does have purpose.

*Pro-Life Kids!* by Bethany Bomberger is a beautifully illustrated, engaging book for young readers with a rhyme scheme reminiscent of Dr. Seuss, who also recognized that *a person's a person no matter how small*. At the end of the book, there are suggested activities and little stories about real pro-life kids who are out there making a difference. Learn more at [prolifekids.com](http://prolifekids.com).

*Little Spark of Life* by Courtney Siebring is another fun pro-life, pro-family book for kids. It is the story of a boy, always curious, who learns about his baby sibling on the way and about the progressive stages of the baby's development in the womb. It is told in a pleasant rhyming style. You can get the book and extra resources too. These include Bible verse flashcards, coloring pages, and a growth chart. Learn more at [littlesparkoflifebook.com](http://littlesparkoflifebook.com).

## Discover Newman High School

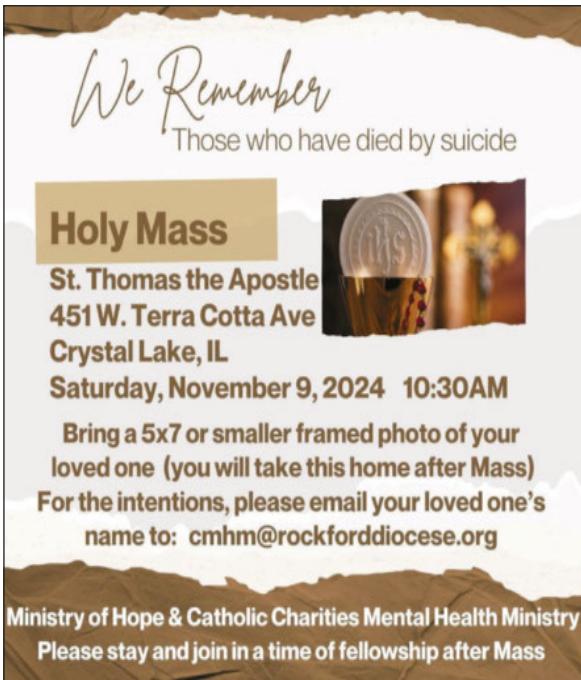
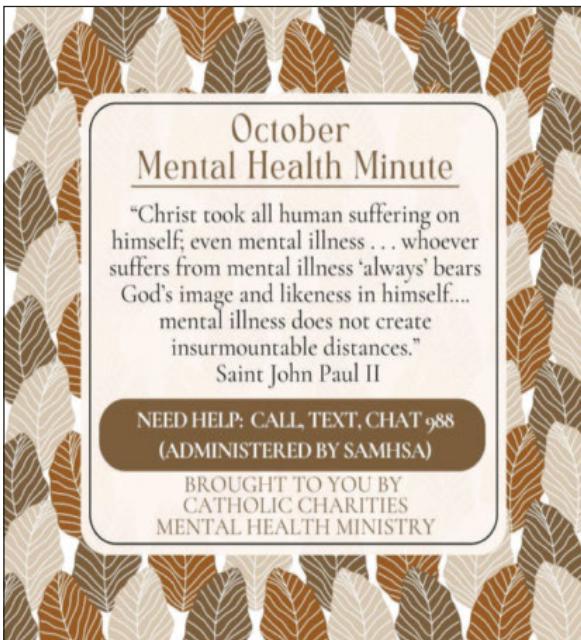
Tour Availability on **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00-12:00. Scholarship & tuition assistance available. Contact Gehrig Koerner for details [gkoerner@newmancchs.org](mailto:gkoerner@newmancchs.org).



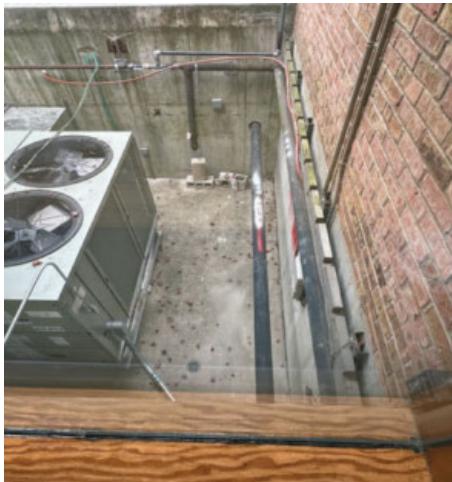
## Veterans Day

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day. The daily Mass will still be at 7 AM.





## New gas lines outside for the new HVAC unit



## Installation of more new duct work in one of the basement closets





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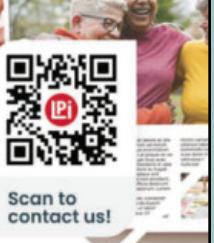
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