



HANCOCK COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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Leading All to Christ



"We, the Hancock County Catholic Churches, Work Together to Form Disciples of JESUS, to Lead All to HIM in the Eucharist, and to be HIS Presence in the World."

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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

December 28th-January 3rd, 2016

Monday: December 28th, (The Holy Innocents, Martyrs; 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18)
8:00 a.m. SSPP-Deceased family members of Leroy Eastburn family, by John & Rita Allen
5:30 p.m. SHW-Deceased members of Calvert & Buelt families, by M/M Ron Buelt

Tuesday: December 29th, (Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr; 1 Jn 2:3-11/ Lk 2:22-35)
7:00 a.m. IC-Holy Hour
8:00 a.m. IC-Jim Drozdz, by Barb Drozdz
5:30 p.m. SMH-Jim Drozdz, by Greg Fuller

Wednesday: December 30th, (Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40)
8:00 a.m. SSPP-Carl & Kathy Rose, by their family
5:30 p.m. SHDC-Kathy Johnson, by her family

Thursday: December 31st, (Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, St. Sylvester I, Pope; 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18)
4:00 p.m. SHDC-John Markey, by Shirley Gracey
5:30 p.m. SMH-AI & Helen Tyminski, by M/M Dave Bierbaum

Friday: January 1st, (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21)
8:00 a.m. SSPP-All Souls, by John & Debbie Allen
8:00 a.m. SHW-Fr. Lukoskie, by M/M Rod Yuskis
10:00 a.m. IC-Martha Smith, by Vern & Sandy Hurlburt

Saturday: January 2nd, (Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church; 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28)
4:00 p.m. SHDC-Clara Gerhardt, by Deacon Tony & Lana Herdrich
4:00 p.m. IC-Ann & Dawson Abalt, by Denise Land
5:30 p.m. SSPP-For the People
5:30 p.m. SMH-Joseph Wenzel, by Mary Amann

Sunday: January 3rd, (The Epiphany of the Lord; Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12)
8:00 a.m. SSPP-Joe & May Pilkington, by John & Connie Hobart
8:00 a.m. SHW-Ann Foley, by M/M Brock Yuskis
10:00 a.m. IC-Judge Richard Ripple, by Joan Ufkes
10:00 a.m. SHDC-Ketcham family, by Richard & Marcella Ketcham

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 9:30 a.m., SSPP
3:30 p.m., IC
3:30 p.m., SHDC
After Mass, SMH

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., SSPP
After Mass, IC
After Mass, SHDC
7:30 a.m., SHW

Gifts for God

December 20th, 2015

Sts. Peter & Paul (Sunday)	\$1,744.00
Sacred Heart DC (Sunday)	\$798.00
Immaculate Conception (Sunday)	\$2,686.00
Sacred Heart W (Sunday)	\$536.00
St. Mary (Sunday)	\$811.00

ROSARY INTENTION FOR JANUARY: The sick, dying, and those in nursing homes.

ALTAR SERVERS

Weekend of January 2-3, 2016

4:00 p.m. (SHDC) Hanna Spiekermeier
4:00 p.m. (IC) Mason & Kamryn Burling
5:30 p.m. (SSPP) Lydia & Riley Long, Gracie Boyles
8:00 a.m. (SSPP) Caleb & Matthew Sinele, Luke Celania
10:00 a.m. (IC) Ashton Hunter & Adam Hurlbut
10:00 a.m. (SHDC) Olivia Hinojosa

FOR EVERYONE

Christmas and Mercy At Christmas we focus in a special way on the great gift of Jesus as Emmanuel - "God With Us." But we also remember the final purpose of Jesus' becoming man - our salvation. So, Christmas is about Mercy, as well - even though we don't deserve to be saved from our sins, the Father offers us salvation anyway. As we celebrate this Jubilee Year of Mercy, then, let's keep in mind just how great is our God. He doesn't desire only to accompany us in our sufferings (though that's a pretty amazing thing in itself), He wants to save us from them and through them. What a great gift we have in Jesus! Accompaniment AND Salvation!

Message of the Christmas Tree: Life Is "Ever Green" -St. John Paul II

Pope John Paul II in his Angelus message on 12/19/04: The traditional "Christmas tree" is a very ancient custom which exalts the value of life, as in winter the evergreen becomes a sign of undying life. In general, the tree is decorated and Christmas gifts are placed under it. The symbol is also eloquent from a typically Christian point of view: It reminds us of the "tree of life" (see Genesis 2:9), representation of Christ, God's supreme gift to humanity.

The message of the Christmas tree, therefore, is that life is "ever green" if one gives: not so much material things, but of oneself: in friendship and sincere affection, and fraternal help and forgiveness, in shared time and reciprocal listening.

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy If you haven't heard, Pope Francis has established this year (December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016) as an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Normally Jubilees are celebrated by the Church every 25 years, but Pope Francis saw a need to celebrate one this year in order to emphasize the merciful love of the Father for each of us. We'll be speaking more on the Jubilee Year, but for now, two brief points: 1) We first need to recognize and experience the merciful love that the Father has for each of us (especially in the Sacraments) 2) We need to extend that mercy to people around us. These two truths are important throughout our Christian lives, but this year in particular we need to remind ourselves of them. More to come later!

SCHOOL NEWS

What an amazing performance by SPPS students!! Thank you to everyone who helped and attended our Christmas program, "Arrest These Merry Gentlemen" this past Sunday. We had a packed gym!

It's hard to believe we have completed half of the school year already! School will resume on Tuesday, January 5.

God Bless,
Lisa Gray, Principal

Don't cancel life insurance you no longer need! By naming our parish as beneficiary, you'll provide financial support and possible qualify for tax benefits as well. Be an angel and pass on Your Catholic Heritage. Contact Fr. Szydluk at the Villa Marie Rectory (453-2428).

Scrip Update: During our 5-week Scrip contest, we met our goal of \$3,000 from Scrip order contributions! \$1,500 will go towards the purchase of new Chrome book computers for the school!! Thank you again for your support!! The next Scrip order will be Tuesday, January 5, 2015. Check out www.glscrip.com for the entire list of participating businesses. Scrip forms are also available on the school website - <http://www.stspeterpaul.org/scrip-cards>.

Cash Dash Update: CONGRATULATIONS to our 2015 Sts. Peter & Paul Cash Dash winners and THANK YOU again to all who made it such a success!!

1st Place: Frank & Debbie Bavery
2nd Place: Dan & Deb Moffitt
3rd Place:
Tony & Lana Herdrich
Jane Langford
Carla Celania
Keith & Kelly Feikert
Hamilton Concrete Products
John & Joan Sullivan
Barb Drozd
David & Lindsey Henson
Kris Minckler & Caron Gray
Marlene Short
Luke & Kortney Burling
Vicki Marting
Denise Rose
Pete Henson
Bryan & Elizabeth Scheetz
Amy Graham
LuAnne Grant
John & Rita Allen
Brenda Logan
Ruth Mitchell
Nona Schafer
Jacqueline Lumsden
Mickey & Beth Knipe
Rachel McIlmoil
Jim & Amy Sullivan
Brandon & Jocelyn Priebe
Helen Mennenga
Shirley Gracey & Ruth Higgins
Autumn Schweizer & Diane Foley
Julie Kirk, Theresa Schaer, Ronnie Burling & Mike Burling

Christmas Cards We hope to reach all of our parishioners with our Christmas card mailing. If you did not receive a card, please let us know!

CIA Youth Group will be sponsoring Trivia Time on Sunday, January 10 at St. Peter & Paul School in Nauvoo. Registration starts at 12:30. Trivia will begin at 1 p.m. Cost is \$80 per table. Gather your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and get your table ready!!! Please contact Ann Cokel at 217-357-1561 to register your team. This is our big fundraiser to help with the cost of attending Catholic Heart Work Camp.

CIA Youth Group will not meet on December 27th. We will meet again on January 3 at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's in Hamilton. Team1 has snacks with Michelle Merritt in charge of organizing.

Prayerful Reading Book Club: WoW! What a great discussion we had on our latest book! Several readers felt that "Rediscover Jesus" has been our best book thus far!! Many of us are giving copies as gifts to friends and relatives. Our next book is: "The Power of Pause" by Terry Hershey. "What if...life isn't about learning to live with stress, but learning to live with less? What if life isn't about pushing yourself to the limit, but embracing every minute? ...or about constant action, but eliminating distraction?... And, What if life isn't about what you chase, but resting in God's grace?" Join us on Jan. 7th at 7:00 p.m. Or on Jan. 9th at 9:30 a.m. to discuss "The Power of Pause".

Did you Know You can attend a Catholic School?
Financial assistance available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2016-17 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org., under Catholic Education and then under Financial Assistance. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents are encouraged to apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2016-2017 year must reapply.

Deadline date for the completed application is March 15, 2016. Notification of grant awards will be made by mid-April.

ADA Update Thanks again for your generosity.

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Paid</u>
SSPP	\$25,407	\$23,855	\$22,400
ICC	\$26,934	\$27,725	\$25,435
SHDC	\$9,652	\$12,656	\$11,736
SHW	\$11,606	\$8,505	\$6,765
SMH	\$11,761	\$7,820	\$7,425

Assumptions (a Catholic religious store) is located at
101 South Side Square, Macomb, IL 61455 -
309-833-1979 Hours 10-4 Tuesday-Saturday

Career Opportunity: Due to the demand for our products and growth in our membership, the Knights of Columbus is seeking additional Field Agents for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact General Agent Larry W. Biever, FICF @ Office: (309)807-2035, Cell: (309)830-6208

HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

Prayer Tree Requests: Daniela Harris: 217-847-2522

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY
EMC-Christine Mortimer, Teressa Veith, Sandy Printy,
Kathy Lehrter
LECTOR-Joe Lehrter
GREETERS/GIFTBEARERS-Dean & Sandy Printy
ALCOLYTE-Jim Layfield
USHERS-Earl Simon & Rich Sowles

January Wedding Anniversaries
Ralph & Rita Taylor: 1-28-1961

WHAT TO SEE IN WARSAW

Prayer Tree Requests: Melanie Longenecker: 217-256-3367

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY
EMC-Marie Austin, Karen Beeler, Denise Yuskis, Diane Heisler
LECTOR-Brock Yuskis
GREETERS/GIFTBEARERS- Mike & Diane Heisler
SERVERS-Zoe & Louie Hughes
USHERS-Jeff Hughes & Patrick Cramsey

January Wedding Anniversaries
Mike & Diane Heisler: 1-2-1965
Brock & Ciara Yuskis: 1-9-2010
Nick & Janice Wiese: 1-29-1972

Sacred Heart Church will be sponsoring a bloodmobile in the church hall on Monday, Dec. 28, 2015, from 2:30-7:00. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. We will need some volunteers to help serve, and need food donations. We're serving soup, sandwiches & simple desserts. If you can provide either, please sign-up. If you are doing food, please indicate which you are bringing. For sandwiches, you can donate them made up and wrapped or just provide the filling and bread and we'll put them together. Cookies or bars for dessert work well. Food can be brought to the hall after Mass Sunday if that is more convenient. This is so soon after Christmas, so we know it will be a sacrifice for you, and any help or food you can provide is GREATLY appreciated. Questions? Call Mel Longenecker 256-3367.

EPIPHANY POT LUCK BREAKFAST, Jan. 3, 2016: There won't be an Epiphany Pageant this year, due to lack of numbers. There is no CCD scheduled for Jan. 3, so we are having a parish pot-luck breakfast after the 8:00 Mass. Please bring some kind of breakfast food: egg (or other) casserole, coffee cake, biscuits, smokie links, or even deviled eggs (they go fast), and join us for a nice get-together. Hope to see you there.

LITTLE BUSY IN DALLAS CITY

SH LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: JAN 2-3

	<u>4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>10:00 A.M.</u>
EMC, CUP		Stephanie Durham
		Lana Herdrich
LECTOR	Randy Gibb	Ruth Higgins
USHERS	Tom Durand	Dick Ketcham
	David Johnson	Larry Kane
	Lester Markey	Dorn Luder

IT IS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR - ALTAR AND ROSARY'S QUILT RAFFLE Tickets are now on sale for this year's quilt raffle. Special thanks to Alene Markey and Beth Greenig for once again piecing, quilting, and donating the beautiful 106 x 106 "Pineapple Quilt". The drawing will be on Feb. 14, 2016. This is Altar and Rosary's main fundraiser of the year; please help us make it a success. Tickets are in the back of the church. Thanks!

WHAT'S NEW IN NAUVOO

Prayer Requests Phone tree: Beth and Mickey Knipe 453-2562 or Peggy and John Siegfried 453-6545 or 309-221-3488

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY

	<u>5:30 P.M.</u>	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>
CIBORIUM	Dennis Dowell	Rosie McKoon
CUP		Elaine Gray
		Michaela Knipe
LECTOR	Cathy Bergmeier	Paul McKoon
USHERS	Randy Bergmeier	Bob Hopp
		Tom Scheetz
GREETERS		Lane & Angee Sinele family
ROSARY	Dennis Dowell	Larry Hopp

SSPP CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Dec. 28-Jan. 2 Elizabeth & Brian Scheetz
January 4-9 Patty & Pete Henson

If you are unable to clean during your week please find someone to switch with you.

SCRIP CARD SCHEDULE FOR STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH:

	<u>5:30 P.M. MASS</u>	<u>8:00 A.M. MASS</u>
Jan 2-3	Cathy Bergmeier	Kelly Celandia

CHRISTMAS CHOIR Our next practice will be Wednesday, December 30th.

LIVING FAITH It is time to renew our Living Faith subscription. Please let Linda know at school if you want to continue receiving the booklet or if you want to start receiving or if you want to cancel your subscription.

GPD BREAKFASTS Breakfast after the 8:00 a.m. Mass will begin on January 10th. The preschool families will be in charge of this breakfast and they will be serving egg casseroles as well as all the other goodies. Hope to see you there.



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PASSAGE THROUGH CARTHAGE

"Prayer Requests: Connie Kreps 309-333-9483 or email ci-kreps@wiu.edu"

LECTOR SCHEDULE: Saturday, January 2nd at 4:00 p.m., Linda Gann. Sunday, January 3rd at 10:00 a.m., Mark Burling.

EXTRAORINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE: Sunday, January 3rd at 10:00 a.m., Cami Davis & Genny Huls. Ciborium-Craig Huls.

ROSARY SCHEDULE

4 p.m. Saturday, January 2nd, Linda Gann
10 a.m. Sunday, January 3rd, Mark Burling

GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS:

Jan 3. Rick & Kris Pilkington

CHURCH CLEANING

Dec. 28-Jan. 10 Ann Cokel

BASEMENT CLEANING

Dec. 28-Jan 10 Stephanie Watson & Jennie Fasching

There was a gift certificate for Hotel Nauvoo found in the Scrip box with no name on the envelope. If anyone is missing this, please contact Ann Cokel at the rectory.

The St. James Knights of Columbus will be having their annual blood drive in memory of Jacob Burling on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, from noon until 6 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Carthage.

WELCOME

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or new arrivals to the parish. If you have not registered, please fill out this form and put it into the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CHURCH OF REGISTRATION: _____

____ New Parishioner

____ New Address or Phone

____ Moving, Remove from List

Would you like to receive weekly offering envelopes?

____ Yes

____ No