

Sacred Heart Church

714 Lincoln Street
Elsberry, Missouri 63343
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Pastor: Rev. Charles P. Tichacek

Sunday Mass

8:00 am

Week Day Masses

Monday 7:00 pm

Tuesday 8:00 am

Adoration is the third Tuesday of each month beginning after the 8:00 am Mass and concluding with Benediction at 7:00 pm

Communion Service Thursday 7:30 am

Communion Service Friday 7:30 am

Baptisms by appointment

Devotion

Rosary at 7:40 am on Tuesday and Perpetual Help Devotions.

Marriages

To be arranged at least 6 months prior to the wedding

Confession

Sunday 7:30 am

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday 10:00 am until 5:00 pm

**Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord
December 25, 2016
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MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 26 - Jan. 1

Mon. 7:00 pm **NO Mass**
 Tues. 8:00 am **NO Mass**
 Thurs. 7:30 am Communion Service
 Fri. 7:30 am Communion Service
 Sun. 8:00 am Errett & Roberta Harding

Feast Days

Mon. St. Stephen
 Tues. St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
 Wed. St. Thomas Becket
 Thurs. **HOLY FAMILY**
 Fri. St. Sylvester I

Dec. 18, 2016

Parish Improvements

Envelopes: \$ 565
 Loose: \$1,039
 Total: \$1,604

\$0

Money Counters: **Today: Pat Wood
 Kaye Byers**
**January 1: Mike Byers
 Mike Shaffer**

Sacred Heart Calendar of Events

Mon., Dec. 26: NO Mass
Tues., Dec. 27: NO Mass
Tues., Dec. 27: Bible Study 7:00 pm
Thurs., Dec. 29: Communion Service 7:30 am
Fri., Dec. 29: Communion Service 7:30 am

FOR SALE

8 OLD TABLES FROM THE HALL. Call the office.

December Papal Intentions

During this Season of Advent, we lift up to your loving heart those children being used as child-soldiers. May this modern form of slavery be eradicated and the children affected find new life in you.

We also pray for the peoples of Europe. May they rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to us all.

Thank You!

Thanks to all who decorated the church for Christmas. It looks beautiful!!!

The Byers, The DeMoulins, Jimmy Henry, Rosemary Laws, The Lagemanns, The Rollers, Phil Schmidt and Pat Wood.



LECTORS

Sun. Jan. 1 8:00 am Ed O'Brien
 Sun. Jan. 8 8:00 am Sarah O'Brien

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun. Jan. 1 8:00 am Nancy Boettcher & Tim Heitman
 Sun. Jan. 8 8:00 am Bill & Vicki Lagemann

ALTAR SERVERS

Jan. 1 8:00 am Aureliano & Seferino Gonzalez
 Jan. 8 8:00 am Philipp & Paul Brickey

GREETERS

Sun. Jan. 1 8:00 am Steve & Shirley Bruckerhoff
 Sun. Jan. 8 8:00 am Tom, Rachele & Lincoln Presley

GIFT BEARERS

Sun. Jan. 1 8:00 am Steve & Shirley Bruckerhoff
 Sun. Jan. 8 8:00 am Tom, Rachele & Lincoln Presley

Pray For

Please pray for all the sick or homebound. To add to the prayer list please tell Father or contact the parish office 898-2202

Margaret Bartold
 Joe & Mary Buescher
 Kim Tobiasz
 Nancy McCullough
 Jack Burkemper
 Leroy Schramm
 Ernest Ogden
 Raymond Geosling
 Trina Burnette

Sammy Mayes
 Cecile Mesker
 Jerry Heitman
 Maurice Illy
 Eric Byers
 Charlie DeMoulin
 Andrew Heitman
 Bonnie Kindred



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Take a Christmas Gift from the back table in the gathering area. The Book *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly. There is one for everybody.

CHRISTMAS GRACES

A *great light* shines forth (Is 9:1); the light of Jesus' birth shines all about us...Our heart was already joyful in awaiting this moment; now that joy abounds and overflows, for the promise has been at last fulfilled. Joy and gladness are a sure sign that the message contained in the mystery of this night is truly from God. There is no room for doubt; let us leave that to the skeptics who, by looking to reason alone, never find the truth. There is no room for the indifference which reigns in the hearts of those unable to love for fear of losing something. All sadness has been banished, for the Child Jesus brings true comfort to every heart.

Today, the Son of God is born, and everything changes. The Savior of the world comes to partake of our human nature; no longer are we alone and forsaken. The Virgin offers us her Son as the beginning of a new life. The true light has come to illumine our lives so often beset by the darkness of sin. Today we once more discover who we are! Tonight we have been shown the way to reach the journey's end. Now must we put away all fear and dread, for the light show us the path to Bethlehem. We must not be laggards; we are not permitted to stand idle. We must set out to see our Savior lying in a manger. This is the reason for our joy and gladness: this Child has been *born to us*; he is *given to us*, as Isaiah proclaims...

If we take him in our arms and let ourselves be embraced by him, he will bring us unending peace of heart.. From now on, the way of authentic liberation and perennial redemption is open to every man and woman who is simple of heart...In a society so often intoxicated by consumerism and hedonism, wealth and extravagance, appearances and narcissism, this child calls us to act soberly, in other words, in a way that is simple, balanced, consistent, capable of seeing and doing what is essential. In a world which all too often is merciless to the sinner and lenient to the sin, we need to cultivate a strong sense of justice to discern and to do God's will. Amid a culture of indifference which not infrequently turns ruthless, our style of life should instead be devout, filled with empathy, compassion, and mercy, drawn daily from the well-spring of prayer.

Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we too, with eyes full of amazement and wonder, gaze upon the Child Jesus, The Son of God. And in his presence may our hearts burst forth in prayer: *Show us, Lord your mercy, and grant us your salvation (Ps 85:8)* Pope Francis

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Craft & Crop Nights - Help us Raise Money for our VBS 2017

Holy Rosary Church (Warrenton) will be hosting a Craft & Crop Night! Friday, January 6th 5pm to 10:30 pm and Friday, February 3rd 5 pm to 10:30 pm.

Feel free to spend the evening however you want, scrapbooking, sewing, card-making, crocheting, jewelry making, or just coming to relax. It is a wonderful opportunity to have fellowship with other crafters & work on your favorite project.

Please bring \$5 donation and a snack to share. We will be meeting in the Activity Center. Question call Debbie Brown 636-456-3698 Ext. 1

St. Paul Parish is sponsoring a "Monthly Cash Giveaway". Tickets are \$50 each and give you a chance to win \$500 each and every month during 2017. Hurry, the first drawing to be held on January 3, 2017! Call the Parish Center at 636-978-1900 for tickets.



READINGS FOR the WEEK of Dec. 26– Jan. 1

Monday	Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22
Tuesday	1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday	1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
Thursday	1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
Friday	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday	1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

STEWARDSHIP AWARENESS

"And the Word became flesh." John 1:14
Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.

PRO-LIFE

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, January 20th, 2017. Lincoln County Right to Life Annual Pro-Life Prayer Vigil.

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN IS ONCE AGAIN ORGANIZING BUSES FOR THE Annual March for Life in Washington, DC. Thurs. - Sat., Jan. 26-28. This trip does not involve overnight stays in hotels as we sleep on the buses. The cost before Dec. 23 is \$190, after Dec. 23 is \$205. For registration and bus info contact us at: 314-434-4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com You can download our registration form at www.missourilife.org. Deadline is Jan. 3.

"Congress voted to double the budget of the Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives, meaning the panel will continue investigating Planned Parenthood and the sale of aborted baby body parts through 2016. Republicans and Democrats took to the House floor (Dec. 1) to support and bash H. Res 933, which authorized continued funding for the Select Panel. It ultimately passed 234 to 181. Prior to the vote, the Panel announced, (Dec. 1) that it had made nine criminal and regulatory referrals against Planned Parenthood, other abortion businesses, fetal tissue companies, and universities."