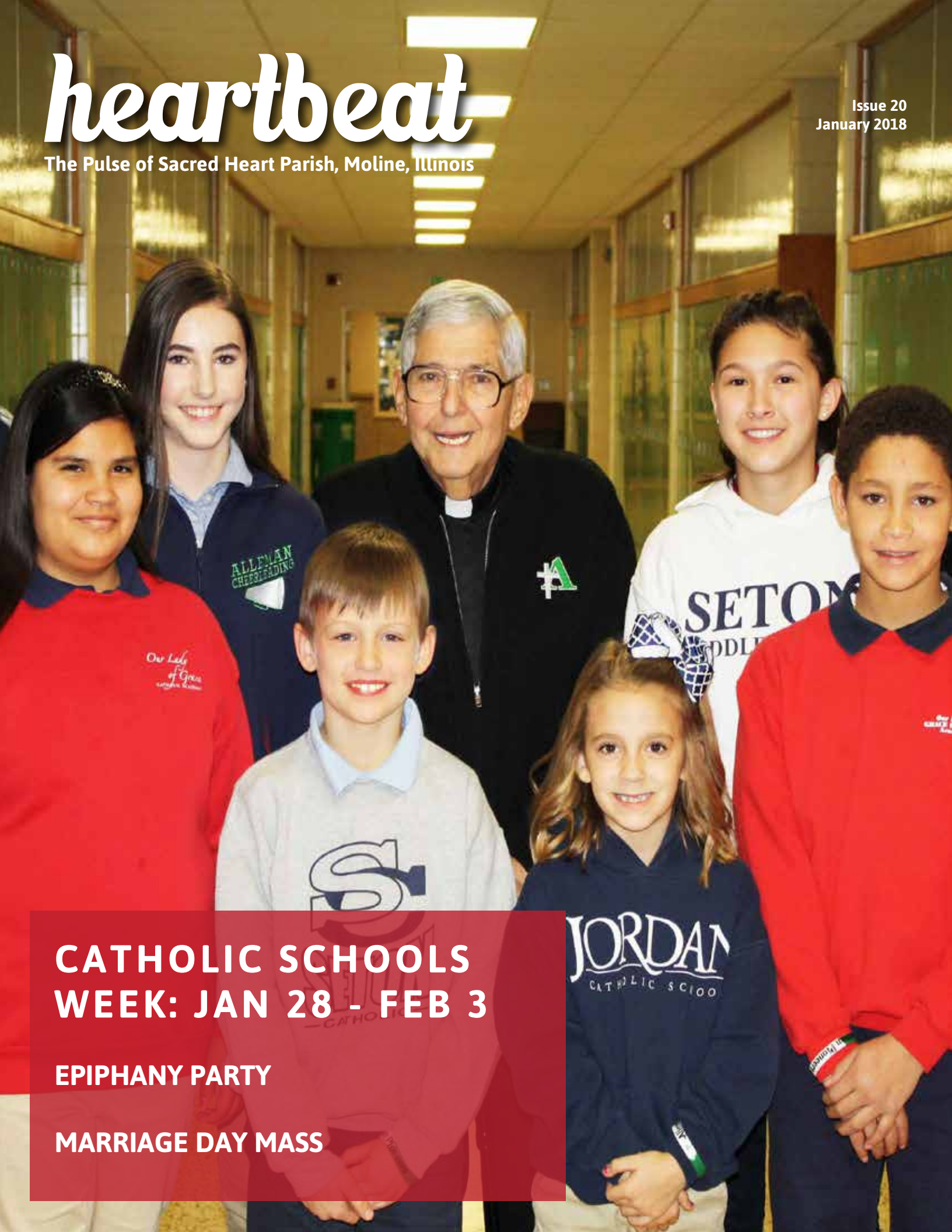


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The Pulse of Sacred Heart Parish, Moline, Illinois

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
WEEK: JAN 28 - FEB 3**

EPIPHANY PARTY

MARRIAGE DAY MASS



MARRIAGE DAY MASS & DINNER; FEBRUARY 10

A tradition of more than four decades at Sacred Heart is the annual celebration of special wedding anniversaries. Long time parishioners might recall the variety of ways couples here have been honored since Worldwide Marriage Encounter first urged parishes to focus on couples living out the sacrament of marriage.

This year's celebration will begin at the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, February 10. Honored couples who attend will have their names read aloud, receive a memento, renew vows, hear appropriate hymns and pray special General Intercessions. Following Mass the couples may enjoy a festive dinner in Culemans Hall, decorated with a Valentine Day theme.

Couples who experienced anniversaries of 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years of marriage in the calendar year of 2017 will receive invitations to these events. Their witness to living their marriage vows through good and hard times is cause for celebration.

If you celebrated a significant wedding anniversary in 2017, please contact the parish office to make sure your sacramental dates are up-to-date with the parish census program. Invitations are sent out based on what the parish has on file for your marriage date. We hope you will join us for this special celebration!

A YEAR OF NEW BEGINNINGS

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to 2018! This could be a significant time in the history of Sacred Heart. During the upcoming year we are going to continue to implement the strategic plan that we finished in 2016. In that plan, there was a call for improvements to our facilities.

One of the crying needs that we have is for better handicapped access to our church. We also need to have bathrooms that can be used by those who are in wheelchairs. We would benefit from changing stations for babies as well. The list that we have of needed improvement to our facilities continues to be lengthy. In 2018 we hope to make a giant step in modernizing our buildings.

If someone questions the need for these upgrades just imagine that you are in a wheel chair and want to get into Sacred Heart Church. If you want to park and make your way up the wheel chair ramp you must park in the parking lot behind the Lee Center and then make your way down the alley, up the sidewalk and then up the wheel chair ramp. There is no handicapped parking in the street. If a person does park in the street a wheel chair would have to be lifted over the curb by a friend and onto the sidewalk. In no way does any of this comply with ADA standards.

We hope to survey parishioner's opinions about the physical needs of the parish. This could be coming soon. More information will be forthcoming.

As we go through this process, we must continue to try to grow spiritually as a parish community. I often wonder if Jesus intended us to have lots of buildings when he established his church. He seemed to steer away from owning property. He did not worry about leaky roofs and windows and air conditioning, but we live life in the Kingdom in the 21st century. We are stewards of our parish facilities, and hopefully we will have the resources we need to maintain them. We continue to rely on the providence of God and the generosity of our members. Please pray that we will have the wisdom and resources that we need as we move into another year.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark DeSutter
Pastor



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: MUSIC MINISTRY

How does your ministry help the parish?

The music ministry vital to the celebration of the Mass each week and it enhances other special services and celebrations as well.

How long has your ministry been a part of the Parish?

As far as I know, the music ministry has been a part of this parish since the beginning. There are many old photos in the archives that are wonderfully maintained by the archivists of previous musical groups. I know that I can speak for all of us who are involved in music ministry when I say that we feel honored to be part of such a long-standing tradition at our parish. In this ministry you feel very connected to the life of the parish because of the special connection between the liturgy and the music and also because of the wonderful parishioners who encourage us and give us the inspiration to continue to strive toward the perfect blend of music styles that helps them worship our Lord.

When where, and how often are your meetings?

Each choir, as well as the instrumentalists, has a different rehearsal schedule that is designed to marry the constraints of personal schedules with the practice requirements of the music for upcoming Masses and events.

What is the most rewarding part of your ministry?

The most rewarding thing that I experience at each service and Mass is the glorious sound of the voices of the congregation blending with the voices and instruments from the choirs. I get to be right in the middle of all of that awesome sound and I know that what I am hearing is what God hears, too, and it is a sound that I know must please the Lord. The great gift that I have been given is that I get to help people worship our Lord—there is not a better gift that I could ask for!

What part of your ministry do you look forward to the most? I am a musician who, of course, loves music, but I really look forward to the educational aspect of

this ministry. I truly love helping the choir members and instrumentalists learn new things and then seeing their success. The folks that are choir members and instrumentalists are awesome and my degree is music education, so I love teaching people new musical things and then seeing where their creativity leads them as they learn more and more and become more confident in their own musical skills. I love being part of the Sacred Heart family!

Who should join your ministry? Anyone with a love for music and a desire to be part of a choir family should join. “When you sing, you pray twice” is the old saying! Our ministry has a choir for everyone from youth to seniors and from someone with little musical experience to someone with lots of musical experience. Really, to join, the best thing is to call us so that we can schedule a time to talk with you about your musical experience and your availability so that we can help find the right choir family for you.

Also, for those of you that were with us this summer, you may remember the “contemporary group” with percussion. They will be returning for the 9 and 11 am Masses on February 4, 2018. Please plan to join us to help celebrate these liturgies with upbeat music right before Lent.

Please plan to join us for these liturgies with special added music as well as our liturgies each week! Each Mass and service is special from the Stations of the Cross to the large celebrations of Christmas, Easter, and the sacramental celebrations of Confirmation and First Communion. I promise that great care has gone into the planning and preparation for each and every Mass and special celebration! We are very proud of our music tradition here at Sacred Heart and we cannot express enough thanks to the music ministers who give of their time and talent each week!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: JAN 28-FEB 3

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2018 (January 28 - February 3) is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.”

We will kick off the week with Seton students participating in parish Masses on Sunday, January 28. We'll also have information on the schools available at the dedicated Seton & Alleman kiosk found in the vestibules of the parishes. Other events during the week will include an Open House for families and friends to visit Seton classrooms, our middle schoolers will be visiting Alleman and we'll celebrate an all-school Mass on Friday.

We wrap up the week with our always popular Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle on Friday, February 2, from 5-8 p.m. in Culemans Hall. Please plan on attending! Through these events, we hope to focus on the value that Catholic education provides to our young people and their contributions to our Church, our communities and our nation. Catholic Schools Week also offers an ideal opportunity for interested families to visit and explore the school. The newly established Invest in Kids Act is paving the way to make Catholic education more affordable to families than ever before. If you haven't yet considered choosing Seton or Alleman, take the time during Catholic Schools Week to make a visit and learn more. For the most up-to-date information on Catholic Schools Week activities at both Seton and Alleman please visit their websites: www.setonschool.com or www.allemanhighschool.org.

EPIPHANY PARTY!

The word “epiphany” is used even outside of Christianity, meaning a moment of sudden realization, insight, or manifestation. In our case, the Epiphany was the revelation of Christ as God's gift to the world. The Magi, or Three Kings, responded with gifts of their own - gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And even today, we celebrate Christmas by giving gifts to one another. Sometimes, we are competitive gift givers, each of us trying to outdo others by buying the “best” Christmas present.

But the ultimate Christmas gift will always be Christ himself. He laid the foundation for a family of believers that we all belong to today. As Christ led by example, so many people in our parish have followed his lead. Some parishioners help in ways that are easy to see, like Choirs, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers, Grounds and Garden, The Pew Pals, and the Social Committee. But there are so many ministries that perform essential duties that we may not think about often, and sometimes don't even realize are happening. The Ladies and Gents Cleaning, the crew that cleans the rectory, the Sacristans, the Candle Ministry, the Writers of Prayer, the Finance Committee, the Parish Pastoral Council, Pastoral Care, The Development Committee, Letter Writers, the Homebound Ministry, the Money Counters, and so many others come together to get things done around our parish.

During this season of epiphanies, we would like to take time to recognize the gifts we are given as a parish, and the generous parishioners who give them. Father Mark, Father Matthew, Sister Kathleen, and the parish staff would like to thank all parish volunteers, who do a superb job of following Christ and the Magi's examples.

To celebrate our wonderful volunteers, all are invited to our annual Epiphany Party. We will spend the afternoon enjoying drinks and refreshments, and showing our appreciation to our many volunteers.

**January 7th, 2018
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
In the Parish Rectory**



POPE FRANCIS: IT'S NOT ENOUGH JUST TO 'BE GOOD'. YOU MUST GO TO MASS

A Catholic cannot just do good deeds and miss Mass on Sunday, Pope Francis has said.

It is the Eucharist that provides the spiritual nourishment Christians need to truly live out the Gospel in their everyday lives.

"How can we respond to those who say that there is no need to go to Mass, not even on Sundays, because what is important is to live well, to love our neighbours?" the Pope asked at his general audience.

"It is true that the quality of the Christian life is measured by the capacity to love, but how can we practice the Gospel without drawing the necessary strength to do it, one Sunday after another, from the inexhaustible spring of the Eucharist?"

It is true that Catholics must go to Mass because it is the law of the Church, the Pope added, however this alone is not enough.

"We Christians need to participate in Sunday Mass because only with the grace of Jesus, with his living presence in us and among us, can we put into practice his commandment, and thus be his credible witnesses," he said.

Without the Eucharist, Christians "are condemned to be dominated by the fatigue of everyday life."

Source: Catholic News Agency

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT & HOLY WEEK 2018

ASH WEDNESDAY : Wednesday, February 14

- Masses: 6:30 am; 8:30 am; 5:45 pm; 10:15 am All School Mass
- Ash Wednesday Soup Supper to follow the 5:45 pm Ash Wednesday Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Wednesday, February 21, 2018 / 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 28, 2018 / 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 7, 2018 / 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 14, 2018 / 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 21, 2018 / 5:30 pm

LENTEN SIMPLE POTLUCK SUPPERS with GUEST SPEAKERS

- Wednesday, February 21, 2018 / 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, February 28, 2018 / 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 7, 2018 / 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 14, 2018 / 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 21, 2018 / 6:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Wednesdays during Lent / 7:00 am to 4:45 pm / St. Francis Chapel

EVENING PRAYER

- Wednesdays during Lent / 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm / St. Francis Chapel

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

- Monday, March 26, 2018 / 7:00 pm

BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS

- Saturday, March 31, 2018 / 10:15 am / St. Francis Chapel

HOLY WEEK AT SACRED HEART

- March 29, 2018 – *Holy Thursday* – *Mass of the Lord's Supper* / 7:00 pm Mass
- March 30, 2018 – *Good Friday* – *The Passion of Our Lord* / 3:00 pm Service
- March 31, 2018 – *Easter Vigil* / 8 pm Mass Reception of New Catholics / Fellowship Hall following Mass
- April 1, 2018 – *Easter Sunday* – *The Resurrection of the Lord* / 7:00 am; 9:00 am; 11:00 am Masses

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Mass Times

- Sundays: 7, 9, 11 a.m.
- Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.
- Daily Masses (M-F): 6:30, 8:30 a.m.
- Our Friday Mass, when school students are present is at 9:00 a.m. instead of 8:30am, unless otherwise noted in the parish bulletin
- Saturday Morning: 8:30 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. and by appointment, call 762-2362.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction (St. Francis Chapel)

- Wednesday: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- First Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

