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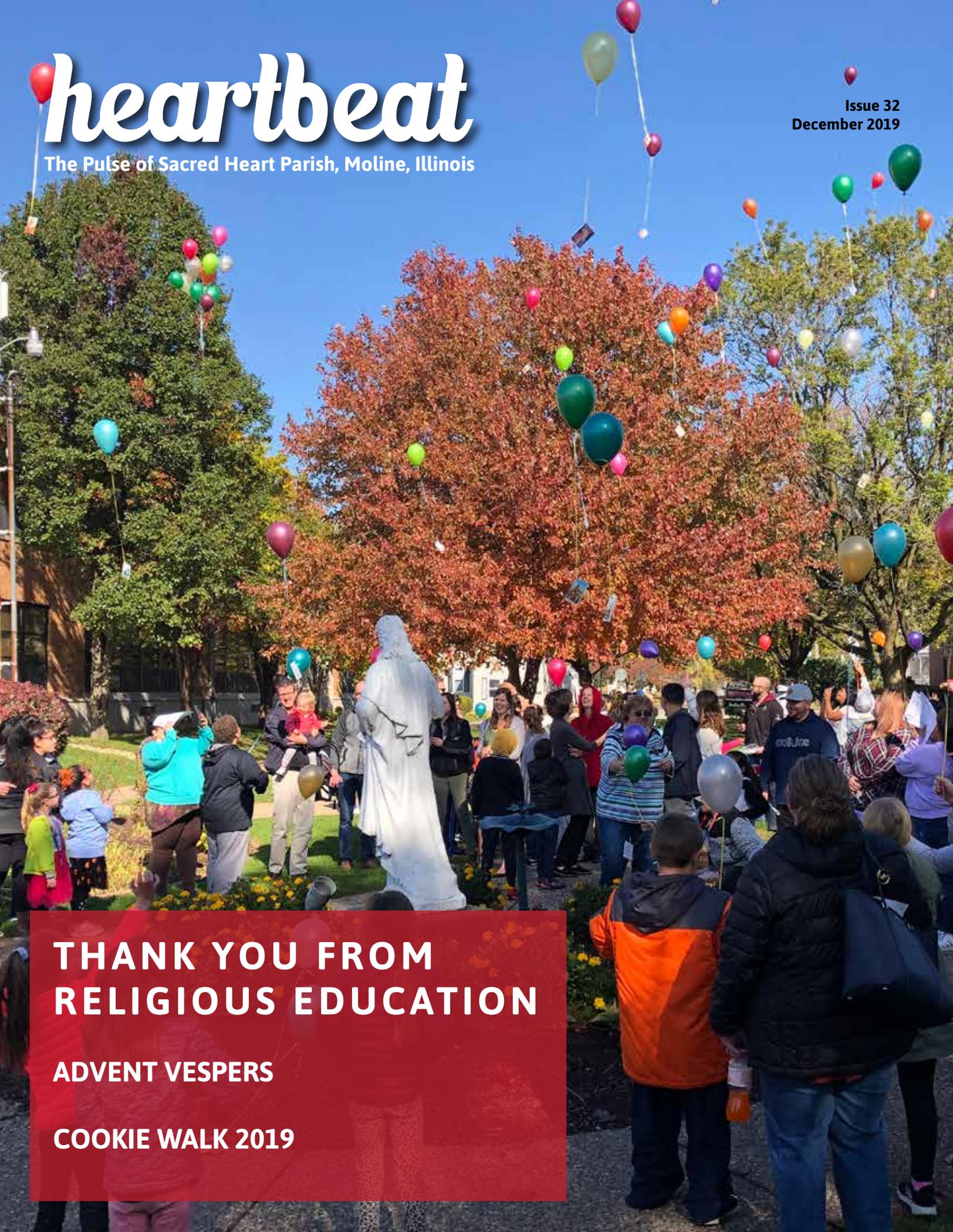
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# REFLECTION THIS ADVENT

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Advent-Christmas liturgies these December days, it can be a time for great reflection. Advent can be a period of the year when we are transformed and restored. One of the things that is touching the life of our parish at the present time is the restoration of our priceless stained-glass windows. Several that are being refurbished right now have to do with the Christmas story. We will miss seeing their beauty as we read the Christmas story. The largest window that is missing at the present time, for example, is the Visitation window. This window beautifully depicts the visit of the Blessed Virgin to St. Elizabeth.

During October I accompanied thirty-six parishioners to the factory where our windows are being repaired. The work being done there is labor-intensive. The windows are literally broken down into little pieces. The glass is washed. Pieces are repaired. After that, they are painstakingly put back together as they are reloaded.

One thing that struck me about the room where the windows were being reassembled was that the space was so quiet. Six or eight people worked in silence. It was obvious that the artisans needed total concentration to accomplish their task of putting all the pieces back together. They did not want to make a mistake.

As I sit here reflecting on the season of Advent, I see the experience of watching the repair of our windows as a simile that reminded me of what we are to be doing in





## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I want to send out a HUGE thank you to all the people who donated baked goods for the Bake Sale at the Cornerstone Celebration. We were blessed with so many yummy things and we raised over \$600.00, which will go towards the restoration of the "Good Shepherd" window. I would also like to thank the students and teachers of our RE program who came out to help set up, work the event and tear down once the celebration was over.

On October 27th we had our first CCD Family Event. We had a great turn out. We talked about the history of the Rosary, the children each made a rosary, and we released balloons with prayer cards on them. Thank you to all the families who provided treats for the event. Our next family event will be December 8th.

On November 17th our 2nd and 3rd graders planned the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass. This was a wonderful experience for our children to step up and truly take part in the Mass. Thank you to Father Mark and Father Matthew, who always support the activities that our students are involved in. We have Advent candles on sale for \$3.00 and Advent Wreaths on sale for \$5.00 and can be picked up at the Lee Parish Center. All proceeds go towards the restoration of the "Good Shepherd" window. Items available Monday-Thursday, please see Kate in the parish office.

Advent. We need to be renewing and reassembling our life. We need to heal what is broken. We need to wash away the uncleanness. All of this can be done with the help of our creator. We are in His hands. We just need to make an act of faith. If Advent is fruitful, the light of Christ will once again shine through us to others as the new year begins.

I pray that Advent and Christmas will be a time of spiritual renewal for all of you and that you will be ready to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ on December 25th.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark DeSutter  
Pastor

Our next family event will be December 8th. We will spend our time together doing Advent activities to help us prepare for the coming of the birth of Jesus. Please come and join us for some fun family time together.

# EPIPHANY

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.

Join us in the Parish Rectory on Sunday, January 5, 2020 for what could be our last Epiphany Party in the Parish Rectory any time between 1:00pm to 3:00pm. CHEERS!

# HELLO FROM ST. MARY’S FOOD PANTRY

We want to briefly write to you about the need for your help with the Food Pantry held at St. Mary’s Church, Moline, IL.

When we think about Stewardship to a ministry we look at giving of our time, talent, or treasure. Typically, the pantry reaches out about donations of treasure in the form of food or money to the food pantry. Sacred Heart Parish has always been very generous with their treasure toward the food pantry and we thank you for that, but currently, our appeal is in the form of your time. We can tell you that every penny donated goes to sustaining the Food Pantry. The reason we can make this claim is due to the phenomenal volunteers we have. Everyone connected in any way with the pantry is a volunteer, and the pantry cannot exist without them.

There are two types of volunteers, and help is always needed in both areas. One group of volunteers distributes food to the pantry patrons by filling grocery bags with food items. These volunteers always work in pairs, sometimes three in a group. They work from 9 am to noon, usually one day a month, and usually the same day every month. Some volunteers don’t have a regular day but fill in for people who can’t work their regular day.

The second group of volunteers, led by Pete Murray, is responsible for buying food and restocking shelves. They pick up the food at the food bank and at the local grocery stores. They then stock the pantry shelves after each pantry day. Due to the hours our pantry is open, 9AM to Noon, most of our volunteers are retirees. As our volunteer ranks mature we are in need of new volunteers to keep the pantry doors open.

Cusi Graf is our coordinator for volunteers. Anyone that feels called to help in this way can contact Phil or Cusi Graf, (309) 764-4273. We ask you to pray about how you might be able to help us feed the hungry with your time. We know your prayers along with our prayers will continue to be answered allowing us to keep our doors open and feed the hungry. Thank you again and God bless you.

# COOK WALK 2019

It is time, once again, to heat up those ovens or turn on those burners for Sacred Heart's Annual Cookie Walk. What better way to put you in the mood than baking Christmas cookies and candies, or stopping by the Cookie Walk to get some of your holiday favorites? When you come to the walk, you will start off with a clamshell container and a plastic glove. Then you will talk a WALK around a number of tables that are filled with cookies, candies, breads, and other goodies. There are no 'minimums' - if you only want to try two or three of a certain cookie then that is all you have to pick up. Most of the goodies are not prepackaged, they are sitting on platters for you to pick up as you wander from table to table. The exceptions to that rule are those items that are very light when purchased by themselves. We will package any Rosettes or Belgian Lukkens into half dozen or full dozen packages.

Traditionally, we have different breads available and even some gingerbread houses. The Hayes' have handed down the family recipe that is used to create a number of houses. Our youth ministry then decorates the houses for the sale. It's just another way all our parishioners can help support the sale.

Another tradition of our Cookie Walk is our Coffee Corner. We provide coffee, hot chocolate, warm apple cider, and comfortable seats where you can visit with others while you relax before you begin your hectic day. I say begin your day, because when we open our doors at 8:00 a.m., there is a line standing in the vestibule and often outside the door waiting to see what goodies we have this year. You, too, will want to stop by the walk early to get your choice of goodies to either give as presents or to be able to put out at the different holiday parties you will be attending or hosting this year.

This wonderful walk will take place on Saturday, December 14th at Culemans Fellowship Hall. It will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue until 11:00 a.m., or until we run out of goodies. The cost for most items is still a bargain at \$7 a pound with a few items priced separately. Even though we fill over 17 tables of goodies, it doesn't seem to take long for the supplies to dwindle. The proceeds from this sale support social events at Sacred Heart and allow us to put on functions at little or no cost to our parishioners, and allow us to include families in our neighborhood.



This year, the Quilting ministry will also join us as they continue to share their beautiful quilted items such as table runners, different styled ornaments, placemats and more. The proceeds from their sales will help them purchase materials for their ministry. The 100th Anniversary Keepsake committee will also have their items available for sale or to order. This will include a picture CD of the special day that will include over 300 pictures of the Mass, re-enactment, archives and all of the activities of the day.

We would love to have you involved. The Cookie Walk will not be a success if we do not have items to sell, so please get out your favorite recipe(s) and help us get ready for December 14th. You will be able to drop off those wonderful sweets on Friday, December 13th from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 pm., again in Culemans Fellowship Hall. Can you help out on Friday or Saturday? We need people to prepare the trays of baked goods on Friday night during those same hours. On Saturday, there will be two shifts of workers. The first shift begins at 7:00 a.m. and the second shift begins at 9:30 a.m. If you cannot work an entire shift, that too is okay. We could also use one or two men to help out during the second shift on Saturday as this is the time we start tearing down tables as the product goes out the door. If you have not already signed up to volunteer, but you are able to do so, please contact Connie Morris by email at [sixverybusypeople@mchsi.com](mailto:sixverybusypeople@mchsi.com) or leave your name at the parish office, 309.762.2362.

And of course, we need YOU to stop by and purchase all these goodies on Saturday morning. What would a cookie walk be, without people to walk around and purchase cookies?



# ADVENT VESPERS

This fall there was a synod in Rome that discussed the future of peoples of the Amazon. A synod is a meeting of bishops and other representatives that discusses issues of concern for the Church. The Amazon region covers several countries in South America and the millions of Catholics that live there. It is also one of the most impoverished and ecologically threatened areas of the world. As we gather to pray Advent vespers this year, we will have reflections on three of the many issues that came up at the Amazon synod. The three topics will be:

**Sunday, December 1, 2019 – 4:00 PM**

Speaker – Fr. Matthew Cole

Topic – The Growth of the Catholic Population in the Southern Hemisphere (What will that mean for the future direction of the Church?)

**Sunday, December 8, 2019 – 4:00 PM**

Speaker – Fr. Mark DeSutter

Topic – Moral Questions and the Environmental Crisis (What guidance can the Church offer?)

**Sunday, December 15, 2019 – 4:00 PM**

Speaker – Sister Kathleen Mullin, BVM

Topic – The Future Role of Women in the Church (Collection of monetary gifts donated to a local charity.)



### **Advent Communal Services for the Quad Cities Area**

Experience God's unconditional love! Join us for a scripture service and the opportunity for individual reconciliation/confession. If you are not able to come, see below for a list of other services in the area.

6:30 PM – Tuesday, December 17 at Christ the King Parish, Moline, IL.

7:00 PM – Monday, December 23, 2019 at Sacred Heart, Moline, IL.

### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Families are encouraged to participate in the lighting of the Advent Wreath during this Advent Season. A sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule of the church for your convenience. Please sign up for the Mass that you will be attending and inform the priest at your Mass that you have arrived. Thank you for participating in this beautiful tradition here at Sacred Heart Parish.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday Confessions during Advent will be from 2:45pm to 3:45pm in the church or by making a personal appointment by call the parish center at 309-762-2362.

## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Christmas Eve:** Tuesday, December 24, 2019

4:00 PM – Children's Choir

6:00 PM – Sacred Sounds

10:00 PM – New Spirit Singers

**Christmas Day:** Wednesday, December 25, 2019

8:00 AM – Cantors

10:00 AM – Cantors

## **NEW YEARS MASSES**

**New Year's Eve:** Tuesday, December 31, 2019

5:30 PM – Vigil – New Spirit Singers

**New Year's Day:** Wednesday, January 1, 2020

8:00 AM – No music

10:00 AM – Cantors

## **PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

The Parish Office will be closed December 24 through January 3, 2020. Staff will be in and out during this time. Please call ahead to make sure someone is available to assist you. For emergency calls for the anointing of the sick, please call 309-762-2362 and press 1 to leave a message. Speak slowly and clearly and leave your phone number twice and a priest will return your call. Please plan ahead for your appointments!

## **ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration will be closed Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, but open on Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

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## HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

### Mass Times

- Sundays: 7, 9, 11 a.m.
- Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.
- Daily Masses (M-W): 6:30, 8:30 am;  
TH: 6:30 am, 9:00 am (when school  
is in session or unless otherwise  
noted in the parish bulletin);  
FRI: 6:30 am only
- Saturday Morning: 8:30 am

### 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.

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