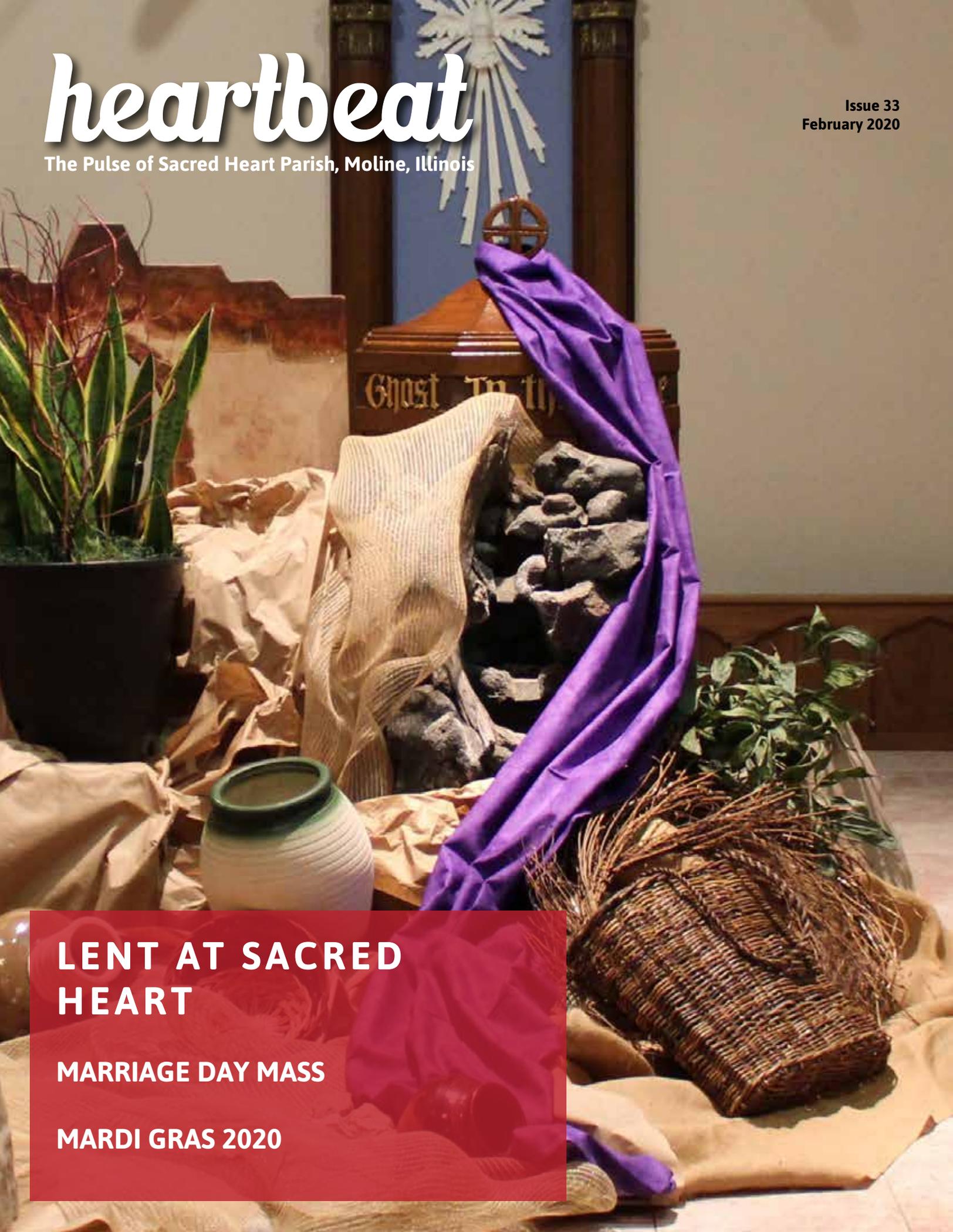


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# AUNT CHARLETTE

Dear Parishioners,

I recently found out that my last living great aunt had passed away. She was 103 years old. Charlette lived in Spokane, Washington. She moved there about 20 years ago after living in the Quad Cities her whole life. Charlette never had any children, but as a schoolteacher, she mentored many. Her mind was very sharp until she died. She struggled when she lost her husband, and when she went blind during the last period of her life. She loved to read so this was a great cross for her to bear. She loved to see what was happening in the world.



Charlette was a “church lady” in the best sense. You could find her working at many church activities. She attended Mass often. Her faith was very practical. If she could serve on a soup line or a food pantry, it made her happy. She was not a Pollyanna when it came to the church. She would call me to say hello and ask for my take on the latest church happenings. Quite often, her questions revolved around the sexual abuse scandals that have rocked the church in the last thirty years. She had little patience with church leadership that waffled in the face of corruption. She felt the church belonged as much to the laity as to the clergy.

Aunt Charlette loved the church. She also expected it to adhere to high standards. I will miss her straight talk and her support. She challenged me to be better. Her passing reminds me that life is moving on.



## LIVE LENT!

This Lent, Sacred Heart will be hosting a Lenten Series called *Live Lent!* This series allows you to join with a small group or as an individual and focus on renewing our faith during this contemplative series.

***“Lent is an opportunity to spend 40 days focused on becoming more authentic lovers of God and followers of Christ - to live Lent with the resolve to make real change in our lives. This year, we strive to Live Lent! So we can live faith more authentically each and every day - to make God real and present in our hurting world through our loving actions.”***

- Sister Theresa Rickard, O.P.

The *Live Lent!* series will help you make the most of this season’s preparation and spiritual renewal. *Live Lent!* will be your ideal companion as you gather weekly to gain inspiration from next Sunday’s Gospel and its roots in the Old Testament. Together, we will plan to reflect each day of the week on how to live your faith in everyday life.

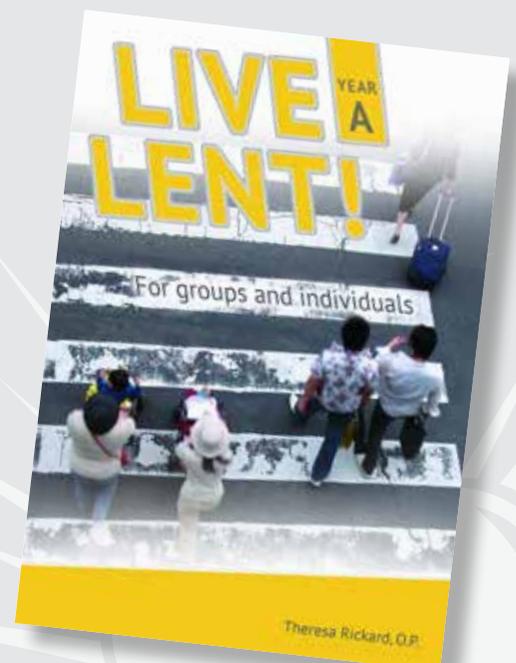
Watch the bulletin for more information on this exciting new series for Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday. Your opportunity to sign up for this Lenten experience will take place at all Masses the weekends of February 8-9 & 15-16.

On Ash Wednesday we are told, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” as a smudge of ashes is placed on our head. We come face to face with our mortality. What are we doing with our lives? If we need to rekindle our faith now is the time. I hope that all of us use the days of Lent wisely. We plan to have many activities that will help us reflect on the journey. Let’s use the next couple of months to grow in holiness. Holiness revolves around asking tough questions and finding God’s will for our lives.

I pray we all will keep Lent well so we will be ready for Easter.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark DeSutter  
Pastor



# LENT SCHEDULE

**ASH WEDNESDAY** February 26, 2020

## **Mass Times:**

- 6:30 & 8:30 a.m. Masses (Distribution of Ashes)
- 10:15 a.m. All School Mass (Distribution of Ashes)
- 6:00 p.m. Mass/New Spirit Singers (Distribution of Ashes). 7:00 p.m. Soup Supper to follow Mass in Fellowship Hall

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays. Based on the restoration of the church windows, the location of Stations of the Cross will be determined each week. Watch the bulletin for updates.

March 4      March 11      March 18      March 25  
April 1      April 8 (No Lenten Potluck this night)

## **RECONCILIATION**

Prior to Stations of the Cross, parish priests will be available for Reconciliation at 5:00 pm in the church each Wednesday during Lent.

## **WEDNESDAY LENTEN POTLUCKS**

Our Lenten Potlucks are back by popular demand. Join us each week to see what event will be scheduled for the night.

March 4      March 11      March 18      March 25  
April 1

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*Wednesdays during Lent*

- 7:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. ~ St. Francis Chapel
- Evening Prayer from 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. ~ St. Francis Chapel

**HOLY THURSDAY** April 9 ~ 7:00 p.m. Mass

**GOOD FRIDAY** April 10 ~ 3:00 p.m. Service

## **BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS**

April 11 ~ 10:15 a.m. ~ St. Francis Chapel

## **HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL**

April 12 ~ Mass time to be determined

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

April 13 ~ 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

## **LENTEN BOOK STUDY - LENT LIVE!**

Begins Ash Wednesday, February 26th

*Sign up at all Masses the weekends of February 8-9 & 15-16. More details to come!*

# MARRIAGE MASS

On February 22nd, Sacred Heart will be hosting two special events to celebrate World Marriage Day. The first, open to all couples in the area, will be a facilitated Marriage Reflection Day. Following the Day of Reflection, couples celebrating significant anniversaries are invited to our annual Marriage Day Mass.

The 2020 Marriage Day theme is "Love One Another," from the Gospel of John. This month, we invite all couples to focus on the gifts and challenges of their marriage and challenge them to grow in intimacy, faith, forgiveness, communication skills, patience, humor, gratitude, and joy in 2020.

Our Marriage Reflection Day will take place from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Culemans Fellowship Hall. Presenters M. Bridget Brennan and Jerry L. Shen are a married couple from St. Louis, who write and provide workshops on spirituality and marriage. This Day of Reflection is an excellent opportunity to deepen your faith and connection! There is a per-person fee of \$5 to help cover the cost of lunch. Childcare by reservation will be provided. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Suzie Budde at [shchurch@sacredheartmoline.org](mailto:shchurch@sacredheartmoline.org) or 309-762-2362 extension 201 by February 17th.

After the Marriage Reflection Day, married couples who celebrated significant anniversaries in 2019 will be invited to a special Marriage Day Mass at 4:00 pm. Our celebration of World Marriage Day will include a recognition of couples. All honored couples will receive a memento and have the opportunity to renew their marriage vows. If you celebrated a 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or 50-plus year anniversary in 2019, look for an invitation to this special Mass. If you did not receive an invitation, please call the parish office at 309-762-2362, to ensure we have your wedding date in our records.

# MARDI GRAS 2020

Mardi Gras is just around the corner! We hope you have already marked your calendars for Tuesday, February 25th. The Social Committee has been planning to help you fill your bellies and have a riot before you begin your Lenten penance the next day. We will be serving food from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, but the games will continue until 7:00 pm. As usual, we will be meeting in Culemans Hall cafeteria and the gym.

Besides sandwiches, there will be a plethora of salads and side dishes for you to enjoy. And what would this Fat Tuesday party be without desserts? We are sure you will find something you like.

Everyone who stops at the check-in table, will find a string of beads waiting for them - don't forget to stop by and get yours!

Adults will find a fun time to be had when they stop by the White Elephant Bingo table. This is always a popular spot, so don't be afraid to line up! Another popular table is the Show Down Table. Suzie Budde and Mike Starr will again be dealing cards and collecting your quarters, so be sure to start saving your change!

We haven't forgotten the children. Fran Ryan has been looking over the list of games that seem to be popular every year and collecting prizes for these games over this past year. What will you take home this year?

The Social Committee enjoys this event for so many reasons - the food, the games, the fellowship, but mostly because all of you seem to enjoy this event, too. But as with most events, we appreciate any help you can give us. We will be asking people to stop by in the afternoon to help us set up and decorate the gym along with the cafeteria. There may be a few last-minute things that need to be done with the food too. Can you help out for 45 minutes or so during the event? We will also need help with clean up at the end, so when the school children come back, they'll never know we were there. If you can help, you can watch for the signup sheets in the front vestibule during the last two weekends prior to Mardi Gras, or contact Linda Noe at [linda.noel@us.army.mil](mailto:linda.noel@us.army.mil).

We look forward to seeing all of you!





# POPE FRANCIS: THE CHURCH NEVER TIRES OF ANNOUNCING GOD'S LOVE

While often persecuted and misunderstood, the Church never tires of announcing the love of God made present in Jesus Christ, Pope Francis said recently.

With this reflection, the pope completed an eight-month long series of weekly Biblical meditations on every chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

“Dear brothers and sisters, at the end of this journey, lived together following the race of the Gospel in the world, the Holy Spirit revives in each of us the call to be courageous and joyful evangelizers,” Pope Francis said on Jan. 15 in the Pope Paul VI Hall.

The Acts of the Apostles expresses the “dynamism of the Word of God,” the pope said. He called God’s word “an active yeast” in history that is “capable of transforming situations and opening new paths.” Paul’s journey in the book of Acts, the pope said, is “proof that the routes of men, if lived in faith, can become a transit space for the salvation of God.”

Upon his arrival in Rome, Paul, a prisoner under house arrest, told the leaders of the Jews, “it is on account of the hope of Israel that I wear these chains.”



Pope Francis noted that the Acts of the Apostles does not end with Paul's martyrdom, but with "the abundant sowing of the Word."

The last verses of the Acts of the Apostles records Paul "bearing witness to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus from the law of Moses and the prophets."

"Paul recognizes himself as deeply Jewish and sees in the Gospel that he preaches, that is, in the proclamation of the dead and risen Christ, the fulfillment of the promises made to the chosen people," Pope Francis said.

The last line of the book of Acts concludes: "He [Paul] remained for two full years in his lodgings. He received all who came to him, and with complete assurance and

without hindrance he proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ."

Pope Francis said that this "house open to all hearts" is an image of the Church, which "although persecuted, misunderstood and chained, never tires of welcoming every man and woman with a motherly heart to announce to them the love of the Father who has made himself visible in Jesus."

"Make us, like Paul, capable of filling our houses with the Gospel and making them cenacles of fraternity, where we can welcome the living Christ, who comes to meet us in every man and in every age," he prayed.

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### 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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