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**LENT AND HOLY WEEK
AT SACRED HEART**

FAREWELL TO SISTER KATHLEEN

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EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Dear Parishioners,

The National Council of Catholic Bishops has asked all parishes to emphasize the importance of the Eucharist in a Catholic's spiritual life over the next two years. No one has to tell us that attendance at Mass has fallen since the beginning of the COVID pandemic. The Sunday obligation was abrogated for many months. Unfortunately, when the obligation was restored many people did not get the message neither at a spiritual nor practical level. There is an obvious need for catechesis and renewal.

There will be a number of spiritual activities at our parish to try to remind people that the Eucharist is at the center of Catholic piety. We are having a Eucharistic minute on a monthly basis where members will share why the Mass is important to them at announcement time. We are extending our hours of Adoration on Wednesdays in the St. Francis Chapel. Adoration begins at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. with Benediction. Our parish will emphasize Eucharistic catechesis during Lent, as well with several initiatives. We have a guest preacher coming in March to offer two talks on the Eucharist as part of our Lenten devotions. One of the talks is an explanation of the Mass. We will have more details about this in next month's Heartbeat and in upcoming bulletins and Facebook posts.





LENT AT SACRED HEART

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22

6:30 a.m. | 8:00 a.m. | 10:15 a.m. School Mass |
5:45 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper following the
5:45 p.m. Mass | Culemans Fellowship Hall

Stations of the Cross

Join us as we pray the Way of the Cross every
Wednesday during Lent at 5:30 p.m. in the Church
or watch live streamed on our Facebook page by
going to sacredheartmoline.org.

- March 1 – Stations led by Deacon Mike Maynard
- March 8 – Stations led by Marcia Templeman and Bill Peiffer
- March 15 – No Stations. There will be a guest speaker this evening.
- March 22 – Living Stations of the Cross led by Sacred Heart youth
- March 29 – Living Stations of the Cross led by Sacred Heart youth
- April 5 - Stations led by Jim Watson

Lenten Wednesday Soup & Sandwich Suppers with
guest speakers will follow Stations of the Cross.

Reconciliation

Additional confessions are available on the
Wednesdays during Lent from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
prior to Stations of the Cross.

March 1 | March 8 | March 22 | March 29 | April 5
*Please note there will not be confessions on
March 15.*

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday

March 3 | 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | St. Francis Chapel

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. | St. Francis Chapel

The hope is that we will encourage those who attend
Mass to invite others who do not. Greg and Kathy
Schneider have graciously agreed to be our contact with
the Peoria Diocese so that we may be aware of what is
going on in our region and they will also help lead the
efforts of what is happening at Sacred Heart.

I would encourage everyone to pray for the success of
our efforts and to begin inviting people who have stopped
coming to church to attend Mass.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark,
Pastor

FAREWELL

In the third week of February, I will travel to Dubuque, IA, to enter a new life phase, active retirement.

Decades ago I journeyed from San Francisco to Sacred Heart, Moline. Getting to know you and how to serve with you was a big transition. You welcomed me and helped me, giving me a sense of belonging. I got to be on the parish Welcoming Committee and welcome newcomers. Through the Christian Initiation process for Adults, we team members and parish sponsors have welcomed hundreds of seekers into the Catholic Church and parish life. In previous parish articles you can read about some of the other ministries in which I served.

The reality of my life; relationships, service, and journey challenges with you would take a book to describe. I am forever grateful for the ways we have worked together, celebrated little and big miracles, shared stories, personal experiences, longings and needs with trust, and accepted outcomes—or sought alternatives. You have helped deepen my faith and its practices and expanded my views. Your goodness and generosity of heart, your efforts to be authentic, accepting yourself and others, are impressive. The community experiences which have developed are enriching and treasured.

I am especially thankful for the pastors and parish staff with whom I have collaborated over the years. It has been a privilege to have ministered with competent and caring people for the good of you in our parish and those in our region. It is hopeful that our new parish committee of Sacred Justice can extend our connections with our neighbors and work together on issues.

Community is a significant theme in my long life. I experienced it growing up with family, classmates, neighbors. I committed to living in a religious community when I entered the BVM congregation in Dubuque. The sisterhood continues to be full of blessings and adventures for me. I am retiring now to join my BVM sisters in new ventures at our headquarters, Mt. Carmel Bluffs, where I began my journey so long

ago. I go with mixed emotions. Leaving you at Sacred Heart demands letting go—and trusting that you will create and carry through relating and ministering in spirited ways.

I take you in my heart to my new life.

~ Sister Kathleen

MARDI GRAS: FEBRUARY 21

Everyone is invited to this year's Mardi Gras Celebration to be held from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on February 21st in the gym and cafeteria of Culemans Memorial Hall. Food will be served until 6:30 p.m. A free will donation will be accepted. Come enjoy the food, fellowship, and fun with a variety of games for children and for adults too!

Volunteers are needed to set up, tear down, and help with food and games. Also, volunteers are needed to bake desserts. We appreciate any help you can give us! If you are able to volunteer, please contact Linda Noe at linda.noel@us.army.mil or (309)781-5710.

Mardi Gras literally means "Fat Tuesday" in French and is a long standing tradition of the Catholic Church. It marks the last day of ordinary time before the start of Lent, a time of fasting and repentance. It is the "last hurrah" before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This should be viewed as a time of anticipation as we say goodbye to our old norm and prepare our hearts for a Holy Lent.

We hope all of our parishioners will be able to take the time to come and celebrate this year. Invite your friends.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Mass is at 5:45 p.m. and supper will follow on the north side of Culemans Fellowship Hall. The limited menu is compliments of Sacred Heart Parish as we begin our Lenten journey and is being prepared by Ash Wednesday volunteers. They will be assisted by Sacred Heart youth. We hope you will join us!

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 22 and 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Please join the youth of Sacred Heart Parish as we walk the final steps that Jesus took during His Passion, from the court of Pilate to the place where He died, Calvary. Over the centuries, many people traveled to Jerusalem to retrace and recall Jesus' steps to His death. But Jerusalem was too far for most people. So, in the Middle Ages, they began making this "journey" in churches, using painted or carved images of the 14 stops Jesus made.

At each Station, people would stop and think about what happened to Jesus and they would pray about it. This year the youth of Sacred Heart will recreate those 14 Stations and tell the story of Jesus's love for us by walking to His death.

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 18 DEDICATION OF THE GATHERING CENTER

Dedication on March 18th of the Gathering Center with Bishop Lou at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Reception to follow in the Gathering Center.

HOLY WEEK AT SACRED HEART

Palm Sunday: The Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 1: 4:00 p.m. Mass (Live streamed)
Sunday, April 2: 7:00 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.

Lenten Communal Penance Service

Monday, April 3 | 6:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 6 | 7:00 p.m. (Live streamed)

Good Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Friday, April 7 | 3:00 p.m. Service (Live streamed)

Blessing of Easter Baskets: Date and time TBD.

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil

April 8 | 7:30 p.m. (Live streamed)

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

April 9 | 7:00 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.





Nicholas Forgie



Garrett Castens

EAGLE SCOUTS AT SACRED HEART

Nicholas Forgie's path to Eagle began as a second grader in 2011 Cub Scouts Pack 109. He crossed over to Troop 109 in 2016. He earned his Eagle Scout October 18, 2022.

As a member of Troop 109, Nicholas participated in activities such as: camping, university merit badge clinics at various locations, and summer camps at Loud Thunder. Nicholas attended Sea Base High Adventure in Islamorada, FL in 2019, and D-Bar-A Scout Ranch twice in Metamora, MI. He helped with service projects when available. Nicholas served in various leadership positions: Webmaster, Den Chief, Quartermaster, and Patrol leader. He earned all four of the Catholic religious emblems: Light of Christ, Parvulei Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and Pope Pius XII and is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow.

Through all his adventures, he earned a total of 69 merit badges, 14 of them are Eagle required. For his service project, Nick added a Sensory Path to Culemans Hall's grounds. Nick would like to thank everyone who cheered him along his journey!

Garrett Castens' path to Eagle began as a first grader in 2010 Cub Scouts Pack 109. He crossed over to Troop 109 in 2015.

He earned his Eagle Scout in June 2022. For his Eagle Scout project, he built a 4x10 handicapped accessible latrine for the Quad City Conservation Alliance (QCCA) Wetlands in East Moline, IL. As an active member of Troop 109, he participated in activities such as: hiking, camping, many chili cook-offs. Garrett attended University Merit Badge Clinics at Monmouth College, Klondike Loud Thunder, summer camps at Loud Thunder, D-Bar-A Camp Metamora, Michigan, and Tomahawk Camp Birchwood, Wisconsin. He also attended World Scout Jamboree 2019 at Glen Jean, West Virginia. Garrett earned all four Catholic religious emblems and the Order of the Arrow. What an accomplishment for these two young men!



SCOUT SUNDAY: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 5, 2023, to celebrate Scout Sunday.

CHILI COOK-OFF

The 5th Annual BSA Troop 109 Ben Rogers Chili Cook-Off is on Saturday, February 11, in Culemans Fellowship Hall. Tasting will begin after the 4:00 p.m. Mass and will continue until 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 per person to taste over 15 different chilis. For a bit more you can try your favorite chili or our house chili on either a hot dog or a bowl of pasta.

Make sure to cast your vote for your favorite chili in three different categories: spiciest, non-traditional, and taster's favorite. There will be multiple raffle baskets. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. The afghan raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00. There will also be a free will bake sale, along with scouting merchandise for sale.

If you would like to participate with your chili recipe, contact Shellie Houtekier at shoutekier@yahoo.com or at (309) 269-8498 by Friday, February 10th. Please come and help support this group of incredible youth and their future adventures in scouting.



MARRIAGE DAY MASS: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Couples who celebrated a Wedding Anniversary in 2022 from 20 years and up will be honored at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 11, 2023. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this beautiful celebration.



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Mass:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.
Monday - Wednesday, Friday, Saturday:
8:00 a.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. School Mass

Confessions:

Saturday: 2:45 - 3:00 p.m. in church.

Adoration:

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
First Fridays: 7:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.