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# SACRAMENTAL MOMENTS



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! We often forget the Easter Season lasts for seven weeks. This is the appropriate time for celebrating the sacraments of initiation. Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation are important moments in our lives. We enter the Church and become part of the church family.

Sacramental moments are not private affairs, they are community celebrations. They are events that give us a new sense of hope. We just celebrated our Easter Vigil and it was wonderful to have 23 people receive sacraments of initiation. It was a little chaotic as large group celebrations often are. There is no denying there was a lot of energy in the room. That is an indication of our parish's health.

It will be the same way when we have First Eucharist for our children and Confirmation for our young adults. New life is coming to our parish after the pandemic. As disciples of Jesus, who are asked to spread the Gospel, this is a reassuring sign for us. If you have been absent from Mass for a while I encourage you come and rejoin us. I pray that as you participate in our liturgies you will be renewed and your vocation as a Christian will be reinforced.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark,  
Pastor

# SECOND HAND SALE

The 2023 Second Hand Sale is around the corner. Last year's sale was quite a success. You may begin dropping off your items on Saturday, June 3rd through Wednesday, June 7th at noon. The sale begins on Thursday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. and concludes on Saturday, June 10th, at noon.

**We are not accepting:** Clothes, large furniture, televisions, desktop computers, Christmas Trees over 4 foot, arts and craft supplies.

**We are accepting:** Laptops and printers with all power cords, jewelry, shoes, hand bags and accessories.

Our drop-off dates for all the goodies you would like to help find a loving home for will be:

- Saturday, June 3 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 4 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 5 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 6 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 7 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We will need volunteers during the drop-off times, during the sale, and for clean up. Please contact Connie at [sixverybusypeople@mchsi.com](mailto:sixverybusypeople@mchsi.com) or (309) 799-5865.

Returning are Bookman's Boutique featuring items considered to be a 'cut above', and Martha's Kitchen where all your wonderful baked goods will be available for purchase.

A few yard signs need a home. If you can help, please contact the parish office at (309) 762-2362.

If you need help with getting your items to the sale, please contact the office so arrangements can be made. We hope to see many of you as you drop off your lovely items, and even more of you as you come to shop our sale.



## LIVING STATIONS

The youth at Sacred Heart reenacted the Passion of Jesus Christ through the silhouetted Living Stations. If you would like to view these stations in person, please go to Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Moline, Illinois | Facebook, which is accessed through our website, [www.sacredheartmoline.org](http://www.sacredheartmoline.org).

We would like to thank the following:

- Deb Patronagio for all of her 'behind the scenes' work
- Choir: Cheryl Bolt, Fiona Graf, Elizabeth Young
- Reader: Amy Mack
- Choreographer: Pami Triebel
- Set up and lighting: Mike Maynard
- Screen: Alleman High School and Jane Barrett
- Construction Crew: Don Lewis and Dick Curry
- Lighting: Beth Pelletier
- Costumes: Music Guild
- Live Streaming: Bob Madison
- Father Mark for his encouragement and support of our students
- Parents in support of your children

Sacred Heart Parishioners: Thank you for the support you give to our Religious Education Program. You are an example of what it means to be a "follower" of Jesus.

# DEDICATION MASS & BLESSING

With all the pomp and circumstance befitting a new beginning, Sacred Heart Catholic Church unveiled its now completed Gathering Center to a packed house on Saturday, March 18th.

The Gathering Center adds 5,000 square feet to the century-old Sacred Heart church building. In fact, the Gathering Center's opening came just weeks ahead of what was the 100th anniversary in April of the dedication of the church with Belgian roots. Dozens of Sacred Heart families filled the new center on the Moline campus as the Most Reverend Bishop Louis Tylka gave a formal blessing to the long-awaited project. "I congratulate you on completing this aspect of the campaign, *Today Tomorrow Together*," he said to what was the first standing-room-only crowd to enjoy the new center.

"While we gather here today with the purpose of blessing this new gathering space, this new building, I think the Lord would certainly look at it and say 'it's very beautiful, it's well-crafted, well-built, it fits in well.' But I think the Lord wants to see what happens inside," Bishop Tylka said. God, he said, would not "be so concerned with the four walls of the building. Just as he looks into our hearts, he looks at us from the inside out. He sees our hands, our desire to love, our desire to live out our faith and make a difference," Bishop Tylka said.

While he said it was important to honor those whose efforts and hands led to the completion of the long-held dream of a gathering center, he added "It's much more important how our faith and our love, and our witness to Jesus, in so many ways, will connect those that come in from the outside to see the love of Jesus."

Prior to the dedication ceremony and blessing, Bishop Tylka also presided over the 4:00 p.m. Mass and Eucharistic Celebration. He was joined by concelebrants Father Mark DeSutter, Father Matthew Abu Cole, SMA, Monsignor Dale Wellman, Deacon Matt Martel and Deacon Mike Maynard. At the dedication, Father Mark shared his gratitude with Monsignor Wellman, crediting him with having the vision of a new gathering space more than eight years ago.



During the Mass, parish member Fred Julius provided a detailed history of Sacred Heart, describing how its architecture reflects the churches of Northern Europe, especially those in Belgium from which our original pastor, Father J.B. Culemans hailed. "For the past eight years, Father Mark led the parish in discernment, strategic planning and a multitude of planning meetings", Julius said, adding "Surely, the Presence of the Lord is in this Place."

The parish members who volunteered to lead the *Today Tomorrow Together (TTT)* fundraising effort and served on the Building Committee were recognized. Members of the committees included: Pete Murray, Tom Circello, Dave Coene, Bill Cornelis, John DeCock, Mike Drymiller, Denny Fox, Jim Harl, Fred Julius, Don Lewis, Sandy Madison, Connie Morris, Jerry O'Keeffe, Kevin Rafferty, Bob Thornton, Jesus Vargas, Bobbie Vidmar, Jim Watson, Dave

Wrath, Monsignor Wellman and Father Mark. Parish member Tony Hodge of Hodge Construction also was recognized for his company's craftsmanship in building the new center. The architect was Streamline Architects, P.L.C.

Groups in attendance at the Mass included: the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, Fr. Bader Assembly; the First Holy Communion Class of 2023; and BSA Scouts from Pack 109, Troop 109 and Troop 1109. After this recognition, the 2023 First Communion class carried roses in a procession leading the bishop into the new Gathering Center for the blessing. They were greeted by bagpipes played by Bill Sterba on the St. Patrick's Day weekend. The children signed a scroll that read "First Communion class 2023 Sacred Heart Church." Bishop Tylka, Father Mark, and Father Matthew also signed the scroll. In addition, the bishop received a Spiritual Bouquet from all the second-grade students at Seton Catholic School and the Religious Education program at Sacred Heart Church.

On their way from the church to the Gathering Center, people were able to view the artistic work of the John The Baptist stained glass window from the original Blessings Gift Shop that was noticed by very few. This fantastic window is now facing 17th Avenue and can be seen from outside and inside the center and enjoyed by all.

A small display in the room, was the time capsule removed from our original church's cornerstone including items from the 100th Anniversary Cornerstone Celebration held in 2019. We are adding items to it from this celebration which includes the signed scroll along with construction pictures of the Gathering Center. Following our 100th Anniversary Celebration of the church later this year, a few more items will be added to the capsule before it is buried near the front of the new Gathering Center.

During the reception following Bishop Tylka's blessing, guests were able to view the new amenities in this building. While checking out the phenomenal historic pictures the Altar and Rosary Society provided, guests also perused the new Bridal/Family Room.

People checked out the splendid Blessings Gift Shop designed by Loretta Ceurvorst and staged by Martina

Werner. What a great layout for the wide range of items again available for your personal needs or possibly a lovely gift for a special occasion. As people were viewing the new restrooms, one person could be heard exclaiming, "look how big it is!" Yes, after having to use closets built 100 years ago, the new restrooms seem extra spacious.

During the reception, people enjoyed a selection of snacks and light desserts. Everyone seemed very patient while they waited their turn to get in line for a chance to munch on these different goodies. We thank the Sacred Heart Social Committee, the Sacred Heart Altar and Rosary Society, the Confirmation students, and the Sacred Heart Staff for their excellent hosting skills making sure all were fed well and cared for during this reception.

If you were not able to join us for the Dedication Mass and the Blessing of the Gathering Center on March 18th, we hope you stop by and check out the new facility. More importantly, if you were not able to attend Sacred Heart because you could no longer navigate the steps or other issues, please come back and see how well you will be able to get into the building again. All are welcome and encouraged to join us in worship and fellowship.





## READ THE CATHOLIC POST'S ARTICLE ON THE BLESSING OF OUR GATHERING CENTER

Visit [www.thecatholicpost.com/2023/04/03/bishop-blesses-wonderful-gathering-space-at-sacred-heart-in-moline/](http://www.thecatholicpost.com/2023/04/03/bishop-blesses-wonderful-gathering-space-at-sacred-heart-in-moline/) or click the QR code below.



## AMENITIES IN NEW GATHERING SPACE

We are so blessed to have a gathering area attached to our church. There are so many new/ different things possible because of this addition. It depends on where you are in life, as to what you might find the most appealing to you and your family.



**Our drive-up and covered ramp.** This alone is a major improvement and a huge deal to many families. The ramp allows those who can no longer navigate steps to enter our church on one level. Another benefit is that it is covered. This is helpful for all exiting their cars to enter the building; whether you use a wheelchair or walker or even if you have a small baby or young children. How nice it is to get out of your car, get everything you need and be out of the weather at the same time.



**Accessible restrooms.** Our restrooms are MUCH larger than the closets we used in the past. As lucky as we were to have those closet restrooms in our 100-year-old building, our new restrooms offer so much more. Besides the up-to-date

facility, both the men's and women's restrooms

include a baby changing station. No more using the choir steps, the back pew, or going back to your car to change diapers. You are able to take care of those needs, comfortably, in the same building.



**Confessional.** This room now allows access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation without having to worry about steps. Need we say more?



**Blessings Gift Shop.** We are fortunate at Sacred Heart to have one of the only places in the Illinois Quad Cities to purchase religious items. Exciting news for many, Blessings is now able to accept electronic cards. Yes, 21st Century, here we come!



**Brides/Family Room.** Many of the brides from previous generations remember dressing for their wedding in what we called the 'Ushers' Room'. It didn't matter how large your wedding party, you all squeezed in there and made

the best of it. Then, brides were able to use Monsignor Wellman's space in the (then) rectory. This was much nicer than before, but the bride and her party still had to navigate the weather to get from the rectory to the church. TODAY, the bridal party can prep in one room which includes comfortable seating, multiple mirrors, and even a sink, while they get ready for their big day. Not only brides will use this room. Another group that may want to use this room will be families as they gather before a visitation or a funeral, if needed. This room offers amenities we were never able to provide before.



**Audio/Visual Equipment.** We have two television monitors that can be used for presentations, giving another option for information sessions and meetings. We intend to add another monitor in the future, to allow us to show different

announcements and promote various activities in our parish.



**Holding Kitchen.** We will not be cooking large meals in this kitchen, but we are now going to be able to hold small gatherings and functions that will be a bit more intimate rather than being in our large hall.

One function we are excited to begin is to start hosting our Coffee Café in the Gathering Center now. We hope this will encourage more families to join us for fellowship and breakfast following Mass once a month. Another good thing, people will not wonder which end of the hall will hold Coffee Café this month. It will have a consistent home.



**CLOW and RCIA.** Previously, both the Children's Liturgy Of the Word and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults had to leave the church and go to the Lee Parish Center during Mass, no matter the weather. Now both groups will be able to

move to our Gathering Center and hold their classes without getting cold and wet.



**First Communion, Confirmation, and Graduation.** A familiar story, no matter the weather, the children involved in these sacraments and ceremonies had to gather at the school or at Culemans Hall before heading to the church. Now

they will be under one roof and not have to navigate the weather. Something we are sure the bishop will appreciate when meeting with the Confirmands prior to their sacrament.

We are off to a good start with this Gathering Center and anticipate many other functions in the future.

***There are still opportunities to sponsor some of the new spaces and features of our Gathering Center. If you're interested in learning more, please visit [www.sacredheartmoline.org/centennial](http://www.sacredheartmoline.org/centennial) or contact our office at (309) 762-2362. Any donation in any amount is appreciated.***

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## HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

*Please check the bulletin for any updates.*

**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: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in Gathering Center

**Adoration:**

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