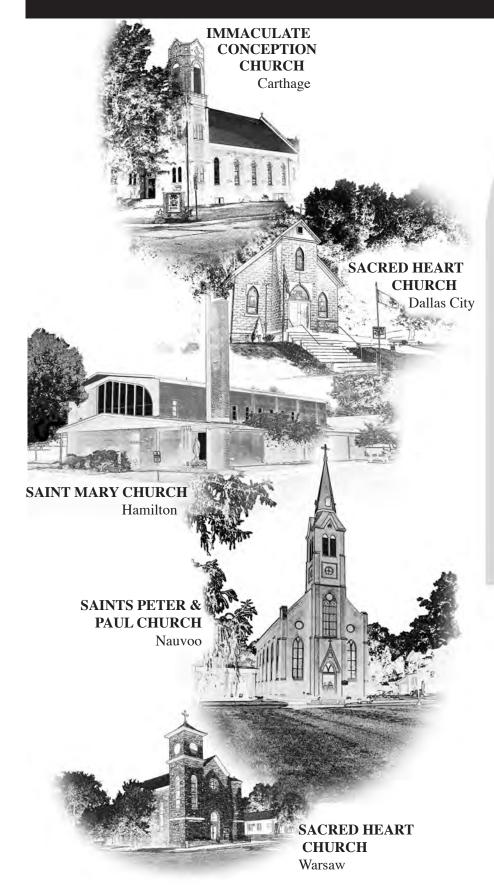
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Carthage 5:30 p.m. Hamilton

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Warsaw

10:00 a.m. Nauvoo Noon Dallas City

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2023

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Sacred Heart

90 W. Fifth St.

Dallas City, IL 62330

St. Marv

560 Lakeview Ave. Hamilton, IL 62341

Sts. Peter and Paul

190 N. Wells St. Nauvoo. IL 62354

Sacred Heart

8th & Webster St. Warsaw, IL 62379

Confession schedule: 15 minutes before daily Mass, 30 minutes <u>before</u> weekend Masses at Carthage

Warsaw Nauvoo Dallas City <u>After Mass</u> at Hamilton

Or any other time by appointment

"On The Q/T..."

From God Calling, A.J. Russell, ed. Meditation of January 1. "I stand between the years. The Light of My Presence is flung across the year to come - the radiance of the Sun of Righteousness. Backward, over the past year, is My Shadow thrown, hiding trouble and sorrow and disappointment."

On to the question from Fr. Tony:

In the Catholic Church, January 1 is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Its purpose is to safeguard sacred teaching: namely, the union of the two natures of Jesus Christ in one person. Mary didn't give birth to one (truly God) *or* the other (truly Man). And God the Father didn't *inject* divinity somewhere along the line *after* conception in Mary's womb. Therefore, she is the Mother of God: her life is trying to tell us something about the make-up of Jesus.

So how about this question: Mary's whole life, from her very womb, is a witness to, and an explanation of, her Son. Aren't we all supposed to be the same way? And wouldn't it be a good idea to ask her how she handled it, every once in a while? Prayer to Mary, Mother of God. Not Mary, Goddess. But Mary, creature: chosen to be the Mother of God.

Week's Mass Intentions

Monday: January 2, (St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors

of the Church; 1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28)

8:00 a.m. Nauvoo-No Mass

5:30 p.m. Warsaw-Dorothy Stuckwisch, by Warsaw Ladies Altar and Rosary

Tuesday: January 3, (The Most Holy Name of Jesus; 1 Jn 2:29-3:6, Jn 1:29-34)

8:00 a.m. Carthage-Connie Kreps (L), by IC Catholic Women's Club

5:30 p.m. Hamilton-Roland McVeigh (L), by Glenn and Diane Otto

Wednesday: January 4, (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious; 1 Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42)

5:30 p.m. Dallas City-Mike Bradley, by Deacon Tony Herdrich

Thursday: January 5, (St. John Neumann, Bishop; 1 Jn 3:11-21, Jn 1:43-51)

No Masses

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Friday: January 6, (St. Andre Bessette, Religious; 1 Jn 5:5-13, Mk 1:7-11)

8:30 a.m. Nauvoo-Deacon Bill Gray, by Bergmeier family

Saturday January 7, (St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest; 1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 2:1-11)

4:00 p.m. Carthage-For the People

5:30 p.m. Hamilton-Lowell Fuller, by Greg Fuller

Sunday January 8, (The Epiphany of the Lord; Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12)

8:00 a.m. Warsaw-Marjorie Wilson, by Bill and Margaret Schneider

10:00 a.m. Nauvoo-Joseph and Lola May Pilkington, by John and Connie Hobart

12:00 p.m. Dallas City-Fr. Tony Trosley (L), by Dorothy Johnson

Rosary Intention for January: The sick, dying and those in nursing homes.

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Live-Streaming Schedule

Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8:00 a.m. – Mass Wednesday-5:30 p.m. Noon - Rosary 3:00 p.m. - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday – 4 p.m. Mass Sunday – 10 a.m. Mass **Congratulations and Prayers** for William Jorge Lewis French, who was baptized on Christmas Day! To his parents, Alexander and Susana Alferez French, and to the rest of William's family, our prayers and best wishes on a terrific day to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism.

Rest in Peace The sacrifice of praise in our prayers for Patty Runge in her eternal life with Jesus. Prayers also, for the consolation of her family.

Borrowing from St. Paul Every once in a while, you find somebody else saying exactly what you want to say, and the way you want to say it. How about this, from the beginning of the Letter to the Colossians? "We always thank God, the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven." Speaking to, and for, all the people who do the work of our churches - our Church - for your thoughtfulness and your generosity this Christmas, Fr. Paul and I want to thank you. Nobody outdoes you, not that we've seen. And the gifts are humbling, to be sure. But what has always stood out about you is your willingness to give when it's been hard for you to do it. Speaking on behalf of many who serve the cause of Jesus Christ here, be assured that your spirit of sacrifice isn't lost on us. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, now, and over many years.

Halfway there We're at the halfway mark heading toward June 15. Incredibly pleased over how things have gone, thus far, in our churches and in our school. But we knew that the challenges would begin to show themselves. For example: our bigtime church and school meetings were arranged on a once-a-week basis. It hasn't worked. We're going to have to have two meetings a week at this level, in all likelihood, Tuesday and Wednesday. That means later personal appointments on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

I've mentioned all too often that I'm not back on track with a priest's pastoral care visits: has to be solved by the time we get to the summer of 2023.

Father's Friends has to be severely restricted; can't do a full-time ministry like that, part time. I've found that out, the hard way.

Suddenly, Spanish speaking Catholics are coming to our churches; Fr. T. has to learn Spanish, and to pronounce the language for Mass, Baptisms, Confessions, and instructions while he's relying on translators.

We've just begun - barely - Youth Group, and we have a need for Young Adult Discussion Evenings. Much more, up ahead.

Now, I'm telling you all this for a reason: We expected this to happen, and we want this to happen. Churches and School, please remember: this is the year for adjustment, for finding out what our potential and our abilities are, and for actually bringing out into the open whatever messes, dilemmas, and impasses there are in our future. Therefore, when it comes to needs, criticisms, complaints, any hurt caused by failing you in any way: don't hold back! You're not doing us a favor by saying, "He's so busy, I don't want to bother him."

Year One: Adjustment to the Implications of One Priest and of rapid changes in education. Year Two: re-evaluation of goals and future prospects for our financial situation; Year Three: No looking back. Don't get tired on me! Fr. T.

Books and Tote Bags are available in all of our churches...please take and share! The book is *Holy Moments* by Matthew Kelly and the tote bag features the Hancock County Catholic Churches logo. Thanks to the donors who provided these Christmas gifts for all parishioners!!!

Congratulations!!! The Birthright of Keokuk 50/50 raffle winner is the Alleman Council Knights of Columbus! Many thanks to all who supported Birthright by purchasing tickets and special thanks to the Keokuk Knights of Columbus Council #619 for sponsoring the 50/50 raffle! Birthright offers an alternative to abortion by providing friendship, encouragement, and support to women throughout pregnancy and after their baby is born. Birthright of Keokuk serves Hancock County, IL, Lee County, IA, and Clark County, MO. Birthright is in need of **VOLUNTEERS...**please contact Barb Drozdz at 217-242-2189 or Edith Ewing at 217-357-1872 if you are able to commit 2 hours a month to this pro-life organization. A brief training session is provided. **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who donated their time, money and talents to the success of the Warsaw Friendship Baskets. It was greatly appreciated!

From The Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen: It is hard for a human being to understand the humility that was involved in the Word becoming flesh. Imagine, if it were possible, a human person divesting himself of his body, and then sending his soul into the body of a serpent. A double humiliation would follow: First, accepting the limitation of a serpentine organism; knowing all the while his mind was superior, and that fangs could not eloquently articulate thoughts no serpent ever possessed. The second humiliation would be to be forced as a result of this "emptying of self" to live in the companionship of serpents. But this is nothing compared to the emptying of God, by which He took on the form of man and accepted the limitations of humanity, such as hunger and persecution; not trivial either was it, for the wisdom of God to condemn himself to association with poor fishermen who knew so little. But this humiliation which began in Bethlehem when he was conceived in the Virgin Mary was only the first of many to counteract the pride of man, until the final humiliation of death on the Cross. If there were no Cross, there would have been no crib; if there had been no nails, there would have been no straw. But he could not teach the lesson of the Cross as payment for sin. He had to take it.

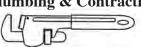
Save the Date! Sacred Heart DC Altar & Rosary Society will host a Feather Party on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at the Church Hall on Linn Street. We will be serving chili, steam burgers, chips, deserts and beverages for purchase. We hope you can attend.

Altar & Rosary Society of Sacred Heart Parish Dallas City is selling raffle tickets for 2023 Quilt Raffle. The quilt for this year is "French Braid" and is King size. It was pieced, sewn and donated by Dave and Beth Greenig. The drawing will take place on February 12, 2023. Contact any Altar and Rosary member to purchase tickets.





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