

Rock Island's Historic Catholic Parishes



PASTOR'S CORNER WITH FR. LUKE

Blessed Weekend to you all! As we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, I'm reflecting this week once again on change and transition. Always this time of year, we celebrate our school graduations and the readiness of our students to go forth. During my years on campus at the University of Illinois, I often would think of Msgr. Swetland, who served as chaplain during the years I was in seminary. He would always say he wanted to write a book about campus ministry called, *Everybody Leaves*. I would sometimes tease that I would write a book about Heaven called *Everybody Stays*. ☺

Msgr. Swetland's point was that it is the nature of the place to prepare people to go somewhere else. That is, if we do our job well of helping form and prepare students, it is natural that they are then ready to move on to the next part of their lives. We find this to be true as we celebrate 8th grade graduation—our students are now ready to move on to HS. We also find this to be true as we celebrate HS graduation—our students are ready for joining the workforce, military service, or going on to college. It is always a change, but it is a good change that signals growth and readiness for what is next.

For myself, I've been thinking about readiness for this next adventure in serving God and His people. One of the great gifts of my time here in Rock Island is that I feel steady with my health—a steadiness that helps me feel ready for travel and the challenges of preaching the Gospel in many places in the years ahead. I often laugh when I think about coming here to our parishes because it was an "easy assignment with very little work." I am joyful to say that my experience of our parishes is that we have a lot of life and ministry going on! I think a great gift of having a full calendar here is that I was able to work on health while in the midst of ministry. Finding the right balance of work and rest...and taking the time for things that help me be at my best—these are the good lessons learned that I take with me. Of course my health isn't perfect, and I'm still watching over things...but it is also reliably steady.

I am very thankful especially for your support and encouragement these past three years. When I arrived I didn't know what my capacity for work would be...I am thankful to say I have for a long while now felt comfortable with everything on the schedule...plus usually several add ins each week. ☺ That truly has been a great gift for me! I'm thankful to you all for helping me discover/rediscover that capacity—and to feel confident that I will be able to fulfill the mission that God has

asked of me in my next assignment. Know of my ongoing thanks for you all and that I am united in prayer with you as we look ahead!

In the midst of discussing transition and change...I also wanted to share with you some updates/changes about the good people who help serve our parish needs. A great word of thanks to Kristi Logan and Beth Peters, who have served us very well and have moved on from their work with our parishes! Kristi has done a great job with our financial books and getting all of our records up to date with the online system that our Diocese uses. Beth has helped out in many ways, most recently in cleaning our churches and parish buildings. Thanks to you both for all you have done for us!

I am joyful to welcome to our staff Karen Gibbs and Catherine Young! Karen has been serving as the book-keeper at St. Pius and has taken over our financial work as well...and Catherine will be doing the cleaning for us as we move forward. I am thankful to them both for helping make this transition time very smooth!

In Christ,
Fr. Luke

We invite any graduates (High School, 8th Grade, or College) to join us at Masses Saturday and Sunday, June 4 & 5 for a special blessing and recognition. If you will be joining us, please contact Christine in the parish office at (309) 794-0660 or (309) 788-3322.

Trinity Hospital is requesting of our parishes EMHC's (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) who can help with a regular schedule of bringing Holy Communion to people. The hope is to have a monthly rotation with teams to work together to serve our people. It looks like our parishes will be asked to help on either Fridays or Saturdays. Anyone who has previously served as an EMHC at our Masses who is willing to help...or anyone interested in becoming an EMHC and helping...please call or email our parish office.

Bible study: You can still join us every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Schroeder Hall for *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible*. All are invited! Free babysitting is available. To register or ask questions, contact Eric Young at 309-428-1185 or EricYoung@gmail.com.

Contribute online to our parishes: Sign-up for a one-time gift, or as an annual contributor from our parish websites: www.sacredheartri.com and www.stmaryri.com. You can also call our Office Manager Christine at the parish office if you prefer to have her set it up for you.

SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

Stewardship of Treasure: May 21/22

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,630.00
Loose Money	\$390.00
Online Giving	\$540.00
Property Improvement Fund	\$140.00
Envelopes Used	49

Longtime parishioner Lorena Drish Runyan turns 100 years old on May 30! If you'd like to send her a card, please mail to Lorena Drish Runyan, General Delivery, Milan, IL 61264.

It is with great joy that we announce that our new roof will be installed starting late this July! THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed - and continues to contribute - to our efforts to "button up" Sacred Heart from top to bottom in time for our 125th Anniversary. This new roof has been a long time coming, and we couldn't have done it without YOU! It also reflects the largest project tied to our 125th Anniversary efforts.

Our last significant project tied to our anniversary is now the completion of the restoration/projection of our historic stained glass windows on our north side. We need about \$40,000 in sponsorship to complete our window work and to finish off our 125th Anniversary efforts. As a reminder, full payments are not due until the end of 2023. Contact Chris Mandle at (309) 738-5967 to learn more about one of these opportunities and to help us meet our 125th Anniversary goal in full!

Join us for a special liturgy on Sunday, June 5th, as we dedicate the remaining stained glass windows on our east side.

Our 1st Porch Party of the season & Farewell to Fr. Luke:

Saturday, June 11, at 6 p.m. immediately following the Vigil Mass. This Porch Party is being sponsored by Sodality. The main course and desserts will be provided. Parishioners and friends are invited to bring dishes to share. We hope you can join us for our first Porch Party of the season as we say farewell to Fr. Luke. ***There will also be a reception Sunday, June 12, at St. Marys - all are welcome!*

The monthly Mass followed by Prayers for Healing is Thursday, June 2, at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart. Confessions will be available starting at 5:30 p.m. as well as after Mass. Also following Mass will be Adoration, with prayer teams available for those who would like individual healing prayer opportunities.

ST. MARY'S PARISH NEWS

Stewardship of Treasure: May 14/15

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,178.00
Loose Money	\$393.41
Online Giving	\$312.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$10,652.33
Envelopes Used	60

Farewell reception in honor of Fr. Luke: Sunday, June 12 in Schroeder Hall after 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you haven't yet signed up for the farewell reception for Fr. Luke, please do so on the sign-up sheets in the glass house. You are asked to please bring a light appetizer to share as well. Also in the glass house, please write a note for a special card for Fr. Luke - materials will be available for you. ***There will also be a reception Saturday, June 11, at Sacred Heart - all are welcome!*

Lectors for June are Sharon Bowker at 4 p.m. Mass and Bob Braun at 10:30 a.m. Mass. Money counters are Cyndy Anderson and Helen Boden.

Congratulations to Olivia Kargl, who is in the top 10 in the 9th grade class at Rock Island High School!

Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future update: Our total pledges are nearly at \$596,861, with payments received to date of \$166,542! Thank you to all for your generosity and support! Pledge payments can be made by using the Capital Improvements envelope and putting it in the collection, or you can set up online giving. (Please call Christine at 309-788-3322 for help with that.) If you haven't yet made a pledge, there are pledge cards on the table in the vestibule or you can call Christine.

MASS SCHEDULE & MORE!

May 31	12:10 p.m. Mass - Vickie Schaecher Jasper ST. MARY'S
June 1	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions 12:10 p.m. Mass - Marge Attwood ST. MARY'S
June 2	12:10 p.m. Mass - Ed Jawoisz SACRED HEART 6:00 p.m. Mass & Prayers for Healing SACRED HEART
June 3	12:10 p.m. Mass - Karl Steinbaugh SACRED HEART
June 4	3:00 p.m. Confessions ST. MARY'S 4:00 p.m. Mass - Kathleen Wujek ST. MARY'S 5:15 p.m. Mass - Vivian and Bonnie Thornton SACRED HEART
June 5	8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Confessions SACRED HEART 9:00 a.m. Mass - For the People of Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parishes SACRED HEART 10:30 a.m. Mass - Vincel Kennedy ST. MARY'S

FLOCKNOTE FOR SACRED HEART AND ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS!

Get the latest news from Sacred Heart & St. Mary's with Flocknote! To sign up for FlockNote notifications of Mass times and interesting parish information:

Text to the number: 84576
With the message: 123sh (for Sacred Heart)
With the message: 123stm (for St. Mary's)

LOCAL CATHOLIC NEWS & EVENTS

Get the latest news from our local Catholic parishes and groups at www.catholicqc.com

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry schedules including altar servers, EMHC's, lectors are now available to members of that ministry via Flocknote and/or email correspondence, and to Sacred Heart parishioners on our website.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISHES

Financial support for both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parishes can be accomplished several ways. If you wish to receive contribution envelopes are not currently doing so, please contact our parish office immediately.

Please also consider giving online. This allows you to keep track of your giving for the year (tax statements) and makes bookkeeping easier for the parishes. If you're interested in this route, please contact the parish offices for more information!

REMEMBER US

Both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Parishes have always been very appreciative of the generosity of their parishioners. We're often asked how you can remember Sacred Heart in your wills, trusts, or via other gifts. It's important that you reference the parish as Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Congregation of Rock Island, Illinois or St. Mary's Roman Catholic Congregation of Rock Island, Illinois.

SACRED HEART FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Weekend is always the 2nd weekend of the month at Sacred Heart Parish. We appreciate your support of this vital ministry!

DID YOUR CONTACT INFO CHANGE?

Please let the church office know your new information as soon as possible so that we may update our records.

WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE

A wheelchair is available for any parishioner who needs a pick up or drop off at the parking lot. It's in Good Shepherd Vestibule at Sacred Heart and the vestibule at St. Mary's.

SACRED HEART & ST. MARY'S CONTACTS

Sacred Heart 794-0660
2810 5th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.
shrec@sacredheartri.com www.sacredheartri.com

Saint Mary's 788-3322
2208 4th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.
stmarysrockisland@gmail.com www.stmaryri.com

Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Office Address for Both Parishes: at Sacred Heart:
2810 5th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.
Christine Coleman, Office Manager

Fr. Luke Spannagel, Pastor
Residence: St. Mary's Office: Sacred Heart

Catholic Cemetery
Calvary Cemetery is our local Catholic Cemetery - 2901 12th St., Rock Island, IL 61201-5335. Please call them when making arrangements for loved one by contacting them at 309-788-6197 or via email at info@calvarycemeteryri.com or at www.calvarycemeteryri.com.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISM: Parents must be registered and doing what is within their means to support the parish and be faithful in sharing the Sunday Eucharist. A baptismal class is required. Godparents must be Confirmed and be practicing Catholics and if married, that their marriage is validly recognized by the Catholic Church. If you are a Sacred Heart parishioner, contact Chris Mandle. For St. Mary's parishioners please contact Christine in the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Diocesan Policy - Please notify the office at least 8 months prior to setting the date for your marriage. Requires completion of the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

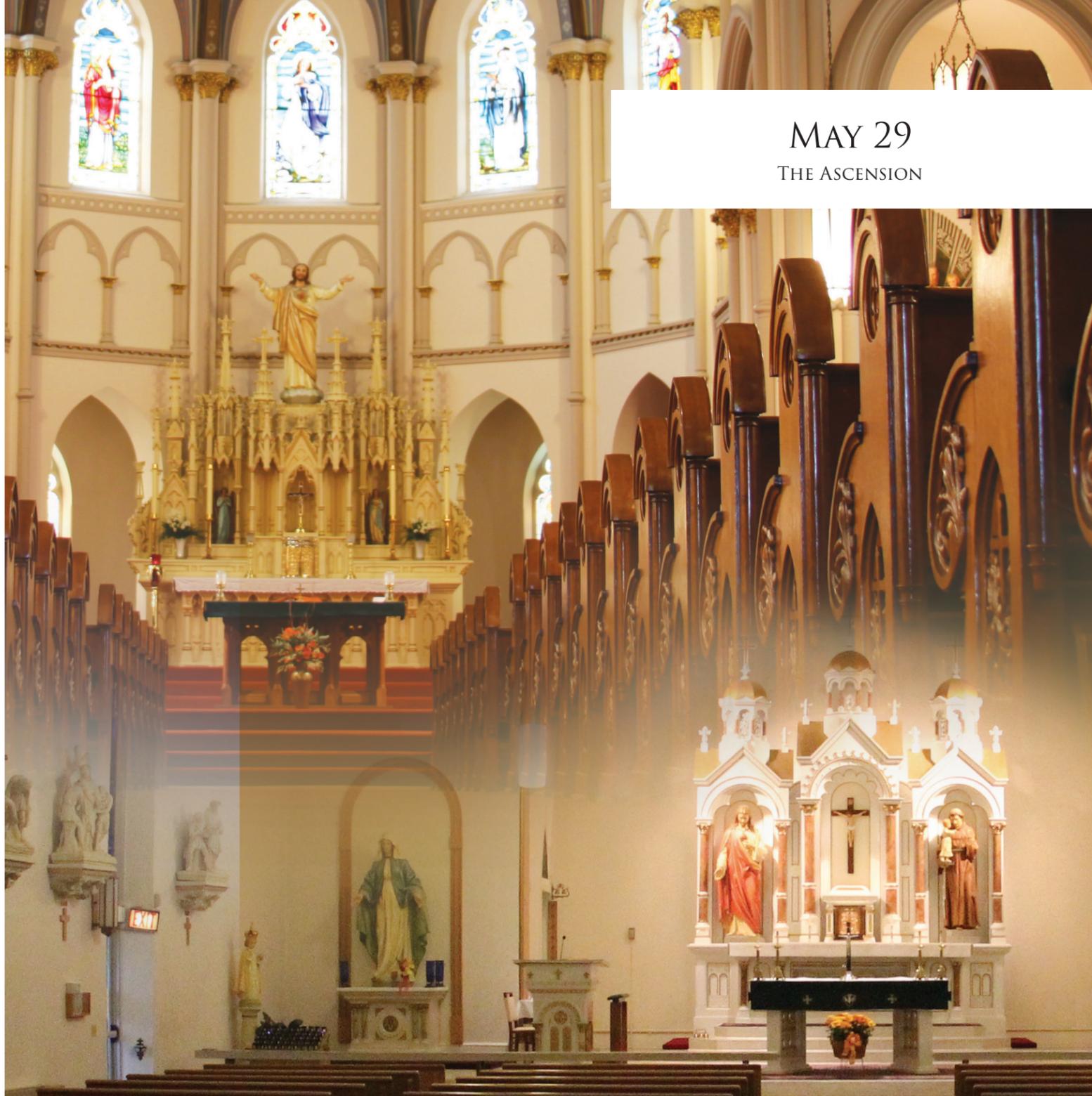
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Whenever needed, please call the parish office. Please advise us of persons in the hospital, nursing facilities, or homebound.

RECONCILIATION: Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Saturday: 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. at St. Mary's. Sunday: 8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Also, by appointment.

Thinking of joining the Catholic Church?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, or to join our Catholic community, please contact Christine in our parish office at (309) 794-0660 or (309) 788-3322 to set up a time with Fr. Luke.

MAY 29
THE ASCENSION



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OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL
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ADDITIONAL PARISH NEWS AND MORE!

Keep these parishioners, family members, and friends in your prayers:

Joe Cervantes Mike Clark John Versluis
Stephanie Smith Al Massie Jean Paggen
Rosa Steinbaugh Nancy Harlow
Brian Gutierrez

If you would like to have prayers offered for parishioners, family or friends, please contact Christine in the office at at (309) 794-0660 or (309) 788-3322 or ricatholicoffice@gmail.com. We will publish these names from time to time as space allows. It'll also be important to alert Christine in the office if someone's name should later be removed from the list. Thank you in advance to all who will be praying for those in need!

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:

Sacred Heart ADA Goal: \$31,527
Pledged **\$18,882**

St. Mary's ADA GOAL: \$33,629
Pledged **\$18,150**

ADA Pledge Cards are available at the entrances of both parishes. If paying with a check please make them payable to the Diocese of Peoria. You can also make your contribution online at: <https://cdop.org/ada2021/>. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping our parishes make their goals!

Coming soon... Catechesis of the Good

Shepherd Have you noticed our great treasure? Since young ones are our future, we are investing in their faith formation by offering Catechesis of the Good Shepherd- a proven way to help our 3-6 year olds focus on key parts of the Mass and Scripture. We'll need teamwork- eight thoroughly trained teachers and a specially designed room (atrium) to start this excellent program. If you are interested in teaching the littles, building the atrium (carpenters and crafters welcome), helping finance this effort, praying for its success, or helping in any way, please call Maggie Schoonmaker (309)738-1104.

From June 2nd thru July 21st St Patrick, Andalusia is hosting a showing of the "The Chosen."

We will show an episode once a week, on Thursday, starting at 6:30 pm in the parish center. For those of you not familiar with this series, it is an ecumenical program focusing on the life of Jesus of Nazareth. All area churches are cordially invited. Light refreshments will be available during the times we gather.

Cursillo - A Short Course in Christianity-Come and you will see! Cursillo is a short course in Christianity and is

open to anyone. It is Catholic based program but is ecumenical and embraces others of different faiths. Everyone is invited to come for the weekend. There are outstanding speakers, enjoyable entertainment, outstanding cuisine and many opportunities to strengthen your faith. The weekend takes place at the Believers Together Center, which is part of Christ the King Church 3200 60th Street, Moline, Il. Men's Weekend: June 9-12, Thursday - Sunday, Women's Weekend: July 7-10, Thursday - Sunday. You can go to nwcursillo.org/application to fill out a request for reservation.

Sacred Heart Second Hand Sale: Sacred Heart Moline will have their famous Second Hand Sale at Culemans Fellowship Hall at 1400 - 16th Avenue, Moline. The sale will begin with the Early Bird Sale on Thursday, June 9th from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. We invite you to stop back on Friday before or after you hit the garage sales on Friday, June 10th from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. We close up the sale on Saturday from 8:00 am - noon with our \$2 a bag sale. Don't forget to stop by Bookman's Boutique for those great bargains on those items that are a 'cut above'. As usual Martha's Bakery will have an array of items you will want to take home and nibble on. Food will also be available for purchase.

The St. Pius X FLEA MARKET returns this June! We will have all kinds of treasures for sale. Early bird sale is Wednesday, June 15, 4:00-7:00pm; sale continues Thursday, June 16, 8:00am-5:00pm and Friday, June 17, 8:00am-noon. Shop early for great bargains! Sale takes place in Farrell Hall, 2901 24th St., Rock Island. For more information, please call Coletta, 309-786-7661.

Emmaus Days 2022: Sessions 1 and 2 will be held at St. John's Catholic Newman Center in Champaign, Illinois. Participants deepen their faith and focus on discerning God's will through prayer and the sacraments. By listening to and spending time with priests and seminarians, participants get a glimpse into their lives. Session 1 is for those who are in college, as well as single men in their 20s and 30s who are discerning their vocation. Online registration is open.

Session 1	Session 2
June 10-12	June 24-26
St. John's Catholic Newman Center	
Champaign, IL	

Sessions 3 and 4 will be held at Peoria Notre Dame High School. Led by seminarians, participants hear God's call to become real Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks and activities like basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee and card games.

Session 3	Session 4
July 17-20	July 20-22
HS Freshmen	7th & 8th Graders
& Sophomores	
Peoria Notre Dame High School, Peoria, IL	

Jordan Catholic School is holding their annual summer camps! Registrations can be found on our website at: www.jordanschool.com under Programs. Our Summer Program will run the months of June and July. Offering full day and half day options. June focus is on fun educational camps. July focus is on fun summer themed activities. Check it out!

Seton Catholic School in Moline is seeking a full time custodian for cleaning and maintenance work. Full time benefits included. Submit resume and references to: Jane Barrett, Principal
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