



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### First Fridays Devotion

As you probably know, I decided we would have another adoration opportunity on Fridays an hour before Holy Mass at 12:10 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. That also means the opportunity for confession. I did it mainly because Sacred Heart didn't have any options for adoration except on special occasions, and I wanted to give people more opportunities for confession. However, most of all, I wanted to have a chance for First Fridays Devotion. So, on each first Friday of the month, at the end of this hour of adoration, we pray the prayers of the First Friday Devotion or the Devotion to the Sacred Heart.

I think it is important because this devotion is very similar to the Devotion to Divine Mercy, which Jesus taught Saint Sister Faustina in the 20th century. So, it seems Jesus insists on this kind of devotion, this religiosity towards His Heart and His Mercy. If Jesus insists on it because He teaches people almost the same devotion century after century, it seems to me that we shouldn't neglect it.

In the booklet we printed out to use on those First Fridays, we can read: "The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the first Catholic devotion specifically requested and established by Our Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, in His revelations over a period of two years to St. Margaret Mary Alcoque, a Visantine nun in France, beginning in 1693. The Church and Pope John Paul II strongly endorse the practice of the devotion, especially in these difficult and uncertain times, when we all need the blessings of the '12 Promises' more than ever before."

"Faithful Catholics consecrate to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in a spirit of reparation, the First Friday of each month. Jesus himself made the following promises to St. Margaret Mary in favor of those who practice and promote this devotion.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families and will unite families that are divided.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all in death.
5. I will bestow the blessings of Heaven on all their enterprises.
6. Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an Image of my

Heart shall be exposed and honored and will imprint My love on the hearts of all those who would wear this image on their person. I will also destroy in them all disordered movements.

10. I will give the priests who are animated by a tender devotion to my Divine Heart the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart, never to be effaced.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."

So, I think it's worth our efforts. I will try to promote this devotion and help us all to learn more about it. For now, I wholeheartedly invite you to come on First Fridays and spend some time in front of the Eucharistic Jesus, pray the prayers of this devotion and receive the Holy Communion on that day, and if you need confession, do so before.

Peace and Goodness,

Fr. Witold Adamczyk OFMConv.

**Catholic Schools Week** kicks off this week! Be sure to check out the calendars for Jordan and Alleman re: all of the special events happening during the week. Catholic Schools Week will conclude with Mass with Bishop Lou on Friday at Alleman. We also appreciate having some of our students with us this weekend to speak to the parish about the importance of Catholic education.

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

Joe Cervantes	Mike Clark	John Versluis
Stephanie Smith	Judy Clark	Deb Drish
Rosa Steinbaugh	Nancy Harlow	Carrie Roe
Lois Evans	Angie Conicella	Ron Boland
Peggy Henderson	Dean Christiansen	Jean Paggen
Rebecca Becker	Mary Kay Orth	

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!

## SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

### Stewardship of Treasure: Jan 21/22

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,715.00
Loose Money	\$217.75
Online Giving	\$470.00
Property Improvement Fund	\$985.00
Envelopes Used	50

**Congratulations** to our Confirmation candidates being presented to the parish this weekend: Alysa Brinkman, Christopher Hpau Wi, Hau Mung, and Stephen Schwartz.

**Our thanks** to all of you amazing volunteers that helped us put away our Christmas decor last weekend after Masses.

**Congrats** to our very own Quentin Fonseca, Senior at Alleman High School, who was just named the winner of the DAR - Daughters of the American Revolution local chapter Good Citizen award!

### 125th Anniversary Capital Campaign timeline:

To keep you up-to-date on our remaining project:

- February: Painting of select areas of church interior.
  - Spring: Complete remaining gutter work, landscaping, and cement repair.
  - April: Complete Phase V — the final phase — of the restoration and protection of our historic stained glass windows on the north side of the church.
- Just a reminder that your campaign pledges are due in full by the end of 2023. If you are able to pay off your pledge sooner, that's of course very much appreciated!

### A few of our historic stained glass windows

remain available for sponsorship on our north side. If you are interested in sponsoring one in your family name or in memory of a loved one contact Chris Mandle at (309) 738-5967. Sponsorship of these windows also frees up dollars for us to use on other areas of the church.

**Sacred Heart Dinner: February 15:** Mark your calendars and plan on joining us on Wednesday, February 15, from 6-8 pm for our next Sacred Heart Dinner! This dinner will feature an early "Fat Tuesday" type of meal prior to the beginning of Lent the following week. Please sign up using the form in the Fr. Anthony Vestibule or online at [www.sacredheartri.com/dinner](http://www.sacredheartri.com/dinner)

**Did you know?** When the Visitation Sisters came to Rock Island from Maysville, Kentucky, in 1898 to establish a new school, it was here at Sacred Heart. Because of the enormous success of the school they chose to build a larger school and bought property on Ball's Bluff at the edge of the Highland Park part of Rock Island two years later. This larger school opened in 1901 as the Villa de Chantal.

## ST. MARY'S PARISH NEWS

### Stewardship of Treasure: Jan 21/22

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,850.00
Loose Money	\$551.75
Online Giving	\$255.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$482.00
Envelopes Used	51

**Valentine's Day party for kids:** Please join us for a children's Valentine's Day party on Tuesday, February 14, in Schroeder Hall after 12:10 p.m. Mass. Pack a lunch and we'll eat together and then play games and trade Valentines. Bring a decorated box or paper bag to collect Valentines. All ages welcome! Any questions, please call Michele Young at 309-428-1186.

**Congratulations** to our Confirmation candidates being presented to the parish this weekend: Judah Kargl, Alex Shaw, Lillian Shrake, and Joseph Imaniragaba.

**Lectors for February** are Sharon Bowker at 4 p.m. Mass and Bob Braun at 10:30 a.m. Mass. Money counters are Frank DeBout and Scott Anderson.

**Bible Study for teen girls:** All girls ages 15-18 are invited to join Catherine Young, 17-year-old St. Mary's parishioner, on the third Friday of each month for a night of studying the bible through the guidance of Lectio Divina. There will be snacks, games, prayer, and time to meet with other young women on their path to finding God in Scripture. The first meeting is Friday, February 17th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Schroeder Hall. Feel free to invite a friend or two! If you have any questions, contact Catherine by text or call at 309-502-8520.

### MASS SCHEDULE & MORE!

<b>Jan 31</b>	12:10 p.m. Mass - Susan Breuwet <b>ST. MARY'S</b>
<b>Feb 1</b>	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions <b>ST. MARY'S</b> 12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Special intention</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b>
<b>Feb 2</b>	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>In honor of Sam Schoonmaker's birthday</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b>
<b>Feb 3</b>	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions <b>SACRED HEART</b> 12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Special intention</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b>
<b>Feb 4</b>	3:00 p.m. Confessions <b>ST. MARY'S</b> 4:00 p.m. Mass - Betty DeGrande <b>ST. MARY'S</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass - Cory Creger <b>SACRED HEART</b>
<b>Feb 5</b>	8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Confessions <b>SACRED HEART</b> 9:00 a.m. Mass - <i>For the People of Sacred Heart &amp; St. Mary's Parishes</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b> 10:30 a.m. Mass - Mike Zeglin <b>ST. MARY'S</b>

## 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](http://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 both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's. 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](http://www.sacredheartri.com)

**Saint Mary's** 788-3322  
2208 4th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.  
stmarysrockisland@gmail.com [www.stmaryri.com](http://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. Witold Adamczyk, OFM Conv., Pastor

### 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](mailto:info@calvarycemeteryri.com) or at [www.calvarycemeteryri.com](http://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.

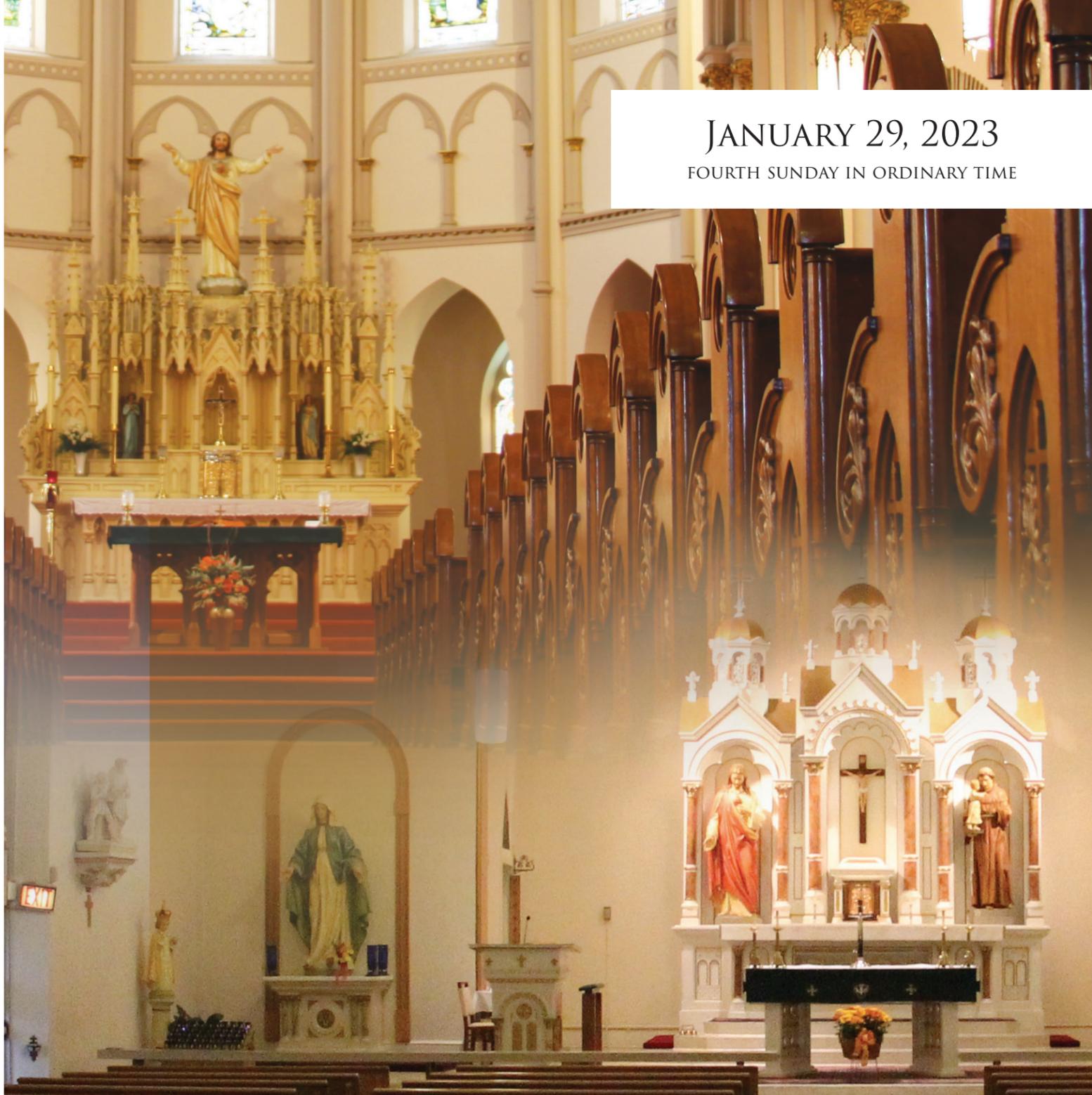
**RECONCILIATION:** Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. and Saturday: 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. at St. Mary's. Friday: 11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. and Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Also, by appointment.

### 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. Witold.

JANUARY 29, 2023

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## ADDITIONAL PARISH NEWS AND MORE!

**If you would like a statement of your financial contributions for 2022,** please contact Christine in the office at 309-794-0660 or 309-788-3322, or by email at [ricatholicoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ricatholicoffice@gmail.com).

**Your change can change lives!** This weekend we are starting this year's Baby Bottle Boomerang for Pregnancy Resources of the Quad Cities. Please take a baby bottle, available in the vestibule at either church, and take it home to fill with coins, dollar bills or checks. If you prefer, there's also a text-to-give option. All these funds help Pregnancy Resources to join moms and dads in their moment of crisis with compassion, hope and help. Pick up a bookmark also, to learn more about upcoming events to support Pregnancy Resources. Please return your baby bottle the weekend of February 4-5.

**The next monthly Mass followed for Prayers for Healing is Thursday, February 2,** at 6:30

p.m. at Sacred Heart. Confessions will be available starting at 5:30 p.m. as well as after Mass. Also following Mass is Adoration, with prayer teams available for those who would like individual healing prayer opportunities. You're invited to bring your sacramentals; pictures and candles for a blessing. Place them on the Communion rail on Mary's side of the church before Mass for a blessing each month. Also, if you have a favorite prayer that you would like to be prayed out loud before Mass, give the prayer to Gina Howell and she will review and we'll make copies so everyone may pray it at the following month.

**ADA Update:** As you know, the 2022 ADA is underway in our parishes. Thank you to all who have already contributed! With your help, we are getting closer to reaching our parish goal. If you have not received a pledge card in the mail or have misplaced it, the Diocese of Peoria will be mailing a follow up letter that you may have already received. It will include another pledge card and a self addressed envelope. Please consider supporting our diocesan ministries. If you have already contributed and receive this letter in the mail, please disregard it, as pledges are often received and processed after a letter is assembled and mailed. Currently, we have:

	Goal	Pledged
Sacred Heart	\$26,798	\$13,950
St. Mary's	\$33,178	\$14,312

If you would like help with a pledge please contact Christine in our office at (309) 794-0660 or (309) 788-3322. You can also go online to contribute at: [www.cdop.org/offices/development-stewardship/ada](http://www.cdop.org/offices/development-stewardship/ada)

**Need a Spiritual Up-grade?** Upcoming Men's & Women's Cursillo weekends might be what you're looking for! Men's Weekend: Feb 23-26 Women's Weekend: March 23-26 Please contact Jeff DePorter 309-236-8398 for more information.

**Please help us keep perpetual adoration available in the Quad Cities.** The Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Pius X Church, Rock Island, is in need of new adorers and substitutes. We have 13 open hours:

- Sunday Noon
- Tuesday 3 am
- Tuesday 5 am thru February
- Tuesday 4 pm thru February
- Wednesday 3 and 4 am
- Thursday 4 am
- Thursday 5 am
- Thursday Noon 2/3- 3/2
- Friday 3 and 4 am
- Friday Midnight- Sat 1 am
- Saturday 8 am
- Saturday Noon

You may start an account at [stpiousri.weadorehim.com](http://stpiousri.weadorehim.com) or Contact Mindy by texting 563-265-0895 or Emailing [SaintPiusRI@gmail.com](mailto:SaintPiusRI@gmail.com)

**The Catholic Diocese of Peoria is seeking a Director of Development.** The FULL-TIME position involves instituting the Annual Diocesan Appeal along with assisting the parishes, schools and institutions across the 26 counties of Central Illinois with Stewardship needs. Full Benefits available along with Salary commensurate with experience. Forward by email a Letter of Introduction and Resume to: [humanresources@cdop.org](mailto:humanresources@cdop.org)

**Inclusive renewal day for adults with disabilities** on Saturday, February 25 from 9am - 3:30 p.m at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church's Parish Center, 4105 North Division Street in Davenport. There will be a day of spiritual renewal, songs, and crafts for Adults with Disabilities and their families, friends, and caregivers. Please call (563) 210-3470 to register, volunteer, or if you have any questions.

### **Fish Fry time!**

- Friday, February 24: Hosted by Alleman High School at Alleman's Cafeteria, 4:30-7 p.m.
- Friday, March 10: Hosted by the Knights of Columbus at Farrell Hall/St. Pius X Parish, 4-7:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 31: Hosted by Seton Catholic School at Belivers Together Center/Christ the King Parish, 4:30-7 p.m.

**"You must remember to love people and use things, rather than to love things and use people."**

**— Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**



**Win BIG MONEY with Alleman's "Dream Big" Raffle!** \*\*BUY EARLY for your chance at our Early Bird Drawings!!!

- \$10,000 - February 17
- \$10,000 - March 17
- \$15,000 - 2nd Place Cash Drawing
- TBD 50/50 Cash Drawing - Last year was \$25,000+
- \$100,000 Cash Drawing at the Father Mirabelli Heritage Ball on March 25!

Cost of each share is \$150. Only 2,500 shares will be sold. Purchase your shares today at [www.allemanhighschool.org/heritage-ball](http://www.allemanhighschool.org/heritage-ball)

**Alleman Catholic High School is very proud of the following Fall athletic teams** that have received the Illinois High School Association's Team Academic Achievement Award.

To be recognized, a team must maintain a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) grade point average or higher throughout their respective season. Fall teams recognized include:

- Girls Golf (3.37)
- Boys Cross Country (4.3)
- Girls Tennis (4.19)
- Football (3.63)
- Girls Volleyball (4.11)
- Boys Golf (4.06)
- Boys Soccer (3.41)

All of our Fall teams received this award! This is a tremendous achievement and we are extremely proud of our student-athletes here at Alleman!

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