

St. Mary’s Catholic Church

Annunciation Church of B.V.M., Shumway, IL

+Bishop Thomas John Paprocki

Fr. Adam Prichard, Pastor

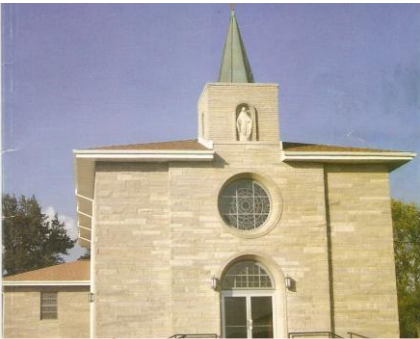
aprichard@dio.org

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To reserve the church basement please call 1-844-536-6514.

Cemetery Committee

John Adams 618-322-2874

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Daphne Hoffman 217-821-7268

Funeral Meal Coordinators

Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399

Dot Thomas 217-259-8560

Shumway Mass Times:

Tuesday – 5:15 pm

Adoration 4-5 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am

Saturday 4:00 pm

Reconciliation-3pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Green Creek Mass Times:

Thursday – 5:15 pm

Adoration 4-5 pm

Friday – 8 am

Saturday – 6 pm

Sunday – 10:00 am

No Adoration/Mass when it falls on a Holy Day

Victim Assistance Contact Information-To Report Child Sexual Abuse by Church Personnel or to inquire about Safe Environment Programs in the Diocese of Springfield call 217-321-1155 or Children & Family Services Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-25-ABUSE

SAT 4pm	Aug. 16 Church picnic	Aug. 23	Aug. 30	Sept. 6	Sept. 13
Servers	Aubrey Brown Abby Brown Anna Brown	Trey Brown Tryston Brown Madalyne Brown	Isaac Wells Abby Brown Anna Brown	Aubrey Brown Tryston Brown Madalyne Brown	Trey Brown Isaac Wells Abby Brown
Lector	Donna Davis	Christy Brown	Alaina Miller	Mike Holland	Doug Brown
Usher	Mike Holland Jason Wells	Don Brown Doug Brown	Jason Wells Don Brown	Don Brown Doug Brown	Mike Holland Jason Wells
Ministers of Holy Communion	Donna Davis Mike Holland Rosemary Holland	Katrina Davis Kathy Brown Don Brown	Katrina Davis Kathy Brown Don Brown	Donna Davis Mike Holland Rosemary Holland	Katrina Davis Kathy Brown Don Brown
Gift Bearers	Doug Brown Family	Jason Wells Family	Kathy Brown	Jesse Davis Family	Don Brown Family
SUN 8am	Aug. 17	Aug. 24	Aug. 31	Sept. 7	Sept. 14 Families in Faith
Servers	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Olivia Vonderheide	Rory Miller Wylie Miller Daisy Miller	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Jacob Vonderheide	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Olivia Vonderheide	Rory Miller Wylie Miller Daisy Miller
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson
Ushers	Jason Vonderheide Charley Vonderheide	Larry Lieb Jim Vonderheide	Roy Waldhoff Joe Conder	Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman	Josh Miller Justin Conder
Ministers of Holy Communion	Roy Waldhoff Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff	Leslie Kemme Timber Miller Lisa Thompson	Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff	Roy Waldhoff Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff
Gift Bearers	Justin Conder Family	Greg Michelle Spannagel	Deb Stremming	Wanda Ohnesorge	Rodney Hoene Family
Greeters	Charley Rhonda Vonderheide	Barb Vonderheide	Roy Lisa Waldhoff	Jason Pruemer Family	Larry Lieb
Money Counters	Bales, Richards Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams
WED. 8am Lectors	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 24
	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester	Alice Richards	Mike Holland	Linda Doedtman

Weekly Offering.....8-31-25

Adult.....\$1694.00

Loose.....516.35

Total.....\$2210.35

Parish Hall update \$130,344.97

St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Shumway

MISSION

(who we are and what we do, our purpose)

Be a growing community of disciples, centered on the Eucharist, that imitates Jesus by proclaiming the Gospel and serving our neighbors with love.

VISION

(where we are going, our focus)

Building the Body of Christ through families of faith with vibrant spiritual formation, joyful community fellowship and service, and a welcoming presence to all.

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!



Call: 1-844-536-6514 to add or remove someone. Thank You.

Eloise P.
Trevor Roy
Tony Bierman
Tori Schairbaum
Tom Laue
Jerry Worman
Mardell Sheehan
Elsie McKay
Kathy Miller
David Brown
Kathy Wakefield
Larry Nation

Norma Bloemer
Beth Hewing
Jim Gordon
Don Kemme
Don Clark
Steve Moore
Sally Wakefield
Pat Kuhns
Bill Hamilton
Christie Dust
Helen Kollinger
Bill Nuxoll
Cinda Held



September Committee: Gail Brandt, Jenni McKay, Lacey Krueger, Rita McKay, Timber Miller, Maridon McKay

St. Mary's Pork Chop Dinner
Sept. 14 from 4-7 pm at the church.
Cost is \$12. It is dine-in or carry out.
You will get 2 pork chops, green beans,
baked potato and roll. You can
purchase tickets after mass or by
calling Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399. It
is not necessary to pre purchase
but is appreciated.

STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY.

Bible Study @ St. Mary's, Shumway

This year we will take "A Journey Through Church History." We will do 10 sessions in the fall and 10 sessions in the spring. We will meet every Wednesday starting on the Sept. 10th at 6:30pm in the basement. We will not meet on the first Wednesdays due to the parish council meetings. To order a workbook go to <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/epi-c-a-journey-through-church-history#study-materials> If you have any questions contact Donna Davis 217-690-2640. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more info.

All ladies of the parish you are invited to St. Anthony CCW annual fall soup supper on Oct. 6 @ 6pm.

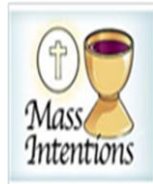
Opportunity to help the Community

The Enduring Freedom Ministries located at the Old Grade School in Shumway would welcome volunteers to help set up for their Freedom Fest. They could use help in setting up the clothing area outside prior to their FreedomFest event on September 20th.. Also assistance if you have a golf cart or SxS to assist in transporting patrons to their cars following shopping.

If interested and have an hour or 2 to give reach out to Vicki at 217-868-5293. Please give them a call.

They do have pantry dates in Oct if you can help in anyway on October 7 & 8 along with 14th & 15th. Then on Oct 25 which is also Dress for Success. They won't just put you anywhere, let them know what you are comfortable doing.(cooking, serving, just ask them) A wonderful way to be a part of the giving back in the community.

Parish Hall meeting Thurs. Sept. 11
@6:30pm



† This symbol denotes-deceased.

Saturday, Sept. 6 – †Dan Zacha by Family

Sunday, Sept. 7- Parishioner of St. Mary's

Tuesday, Sept. 9 –

Wednesday, Sept. 10- Special Intention by Barb Vonderheide

Saturday, Sept. 13- †Larry Ferguson by Kathy Ferguson

Sunday, Sept. 14 – †Marita Kemme by Lucy Westendorf

Tuesday, Sept. 16 -

NO MASSES

Wednesday, Sept. 17

Please call or email (info on front page) to schedule an intention or put an envelope in the collection basket with the information. Envelopes can be found in the mailbox in the cry room. There is a calendar of available dates located in the cry room.

Happy Birthday



Gracie Jo Miller 9-8

Ron Wakefield 9-8

Michelle Spannagel 9-9

Allen Kessler 9-11

Gabriella Wakefield 9-12

Happy Anniversary

Dan & Angela Woods 9-7-1985

40 years

Chad & Vanessa Kessler 9-10-2016

9 years

All women are invited to the **Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's annual convention** on Wednesday, October 1, at St. Paul's Church and Trinity Hall, 1411 Main St., Highland, IL. For more info see bulletin board. Forms to register are on the bulletin board. Forms are due by September 14

On Tuesday, Sept. 9 @ 7pm there will be training for Lectors and Extra Ordinary Ministers. This for anyone who currently is or those who would like to be.
AND on Saturday, Sept. 27 @ 9am there will be server training. This for current servers and anyone one else who would like to serve (need to have made your first communion).

Families in Faith (PSR) will begin on Sunday, Sept. 14 after mass. There is a sign-up sheet in the cry room for any new students grades Pre-K through high school. This year we will have a class for high school students that is separate from youth group. Also remember that there is a class also for all adults in the parish. You don't have a child in a class to participate!!! If you have any questions, contact Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399

Youth Group Kick Off Cookout on Sept. 7 from 5-7pm. See the fliers on the bulletin board for details.

Come hear Catholic comedian and radio host, Josh Harris, LIVE at the T-Town KC Hall on Thursday, September 25. Doors open at 6:00pm with a \$10 entry fee. The opening act is oldies band, Solid Gold, performing from 6:00-7:45pm. Josh Harris will perform from 8:00-9:15pm. Event sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

Fr. Adam and Jesse Davis are offering OCIA this year. What is the OCIA? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is designed for non-Catholics who wish to learn more about the Catholic Church.

The OCIA process explores the meaning of faith and how Catholics express that faith in the community and in the world. It offers a chance to ask questions, raise doubts, acquire information, share, learn and grow. What's the commitment? First of all, you're not making a commitment to join the Catholic Church. You won't be pressured into making any decisions; you can stop attending the meetings at any time. You will continue to be welcome at the meetings and in the parish no matter what your decision.

You might want to share this information about the OCIA with anyone to whom you wish to offer an invitation. Perhaps to give them support and encouragement, you might offer to accompany them to one of the meetings.

If you have any questions or an interest, please email Fr. Adam at aprichard@dio.org or Jesse at Jrdavis6698@gmail.com or call the parish office and leave a message."

Married 50 Years or More? Let Us Celebrate You! – at a special Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 21 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. This celebration honors your beautiful witness to the vocation of marriage. A light reception will follow Mass. RSVP by September 9 at dio.org/events, or contact Gracie Ortiz at gortiz@dio.org or (217) 698-8500. Let us honor your milestone of faith and love!

Millions of Monicas celebrates one year in the Effingham Community Monday, September 15 at Sacred Heart Church. Join us for pray from 6:00-7:00pm followed by refreshments and fellowship in the church narthex. All mothers, grandmothers, aunts and Godmothers are invited! Even if you have never been before, please come check it out and celebrate with us!

Millions of mothers have watched their children abandon their Catholic faith in a chaotic, stressful, and struggling world. This prayer group is a way we can come together as believers and lift up our children in prayer. Millions of Monicas meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. For more information, visit www.millionsofmonicas.com.

EIU Newman Center Annual Gala Are you an alumni, friend, parent, or have a connection to EIU and the Newman Center? Consider attending this year's Newman Night Gala, October 25th, as we remember our past, celebrate the present, and ensure the future of our catholic student community and center here at EIU. For more details call 217-348-0188, visit our website eiunewman.org/newmannight or email John Johnson at development@eiunewman.org



The 35th annual Family Camp will be held September 20-21 at Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville. This fun and relaxing weekend is for those with intellectual and/or physical disabilities, along with their family and friends. Registration forms are available at www.sheff.org or by contacting Elaine Vonderheide at 217-821-1995.

As the topic of the Sacrament of Reconciliation continues, let’s get into some of the “why” of celebrating the Sacrament. (Also, as a side note: Reconciliation, Penance, Confession, they’re the same Sacrament, the terms can be and are used interchangeably. They just refer to different elements of the Sacrament.) One of the questions that has been asked of me on multiple occasions is, “How often am I required to go to Confession?” This can be a complicated question to answer. When we refer to the precepts of the Church, found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraphs 2041-2043), we read “The second precept (“You shall confess your sins at least once a year.”) ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism’s work of conversion and forgiveness.” (2042). So, at the bare minimum, beginning with the active preparation to receive First Communion, each Catholic is required to go to Confession once per year. Why do we even have a bare minimum though? “The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor...” (2041). Church teaching reminds us that the Sacraments were instituted by Jesus for our good, that we may receive Grace in order to persevere in our life in Christ. The Sacrament helps to remind us that God calls us to Himself, calls us to turn away from what doesn’t lead us closer to Him, and that we are in need of His Love, Mercy, and Grace. Sure, it can be awkward, we’re afraid that the priest is going to judge us, or remember our sins outside the confessional and talk about it with others, say “you’ve really coming to Confession about this again” or “It’s been how long since you’re last Confession?!” I guess I better buckle in for a long one.” There are even priests who are nervous about many of these concerns when we go to Confession, even though many of us go much more frequently than once a year.

The priest though, doesn’t remember our sins, nor does he bring it up outside the Confessional. And the priest (while human), is hopefully aware of his own need for mercy and hope that a brother priest wouldn’t say that to him, ideally is not so unthinking or insensitive to say anything along those lines. Confession is a remedy, a medicine, not somewhere that is meant to be unsafe or dangerous. So, if the bare minimum is once a year, why would we have any desire to go more than that? If we are aware or know that we have committed a mortal sin, it is most beneficial for us to go to Confession, so that we may be restored to a state of grace as soon as possible. As a reminder, there is more to mortal sin than, “well, I haven’t killed anyone, so I’m in good shape, right?” In a later column, I’ll go into what qualifications there are to determine whether a sin is mortal or venial. Also, going to Confession more frequently than once a year helps us to grow in knowledge of ourselves, we grow in Christian humility, gradually bad habits can be overcome, we can grow in prayer, more frequently choose good over evil, and grace is increased. Now, am I going to tell anyone that they are required to go more than once a year? Or how frequently they “should” go, giving a foolproof calendar? No, I simply say, going once a year is necessary, though many people have found going more than that to be helpful in their spiritual life.

God bless!


Do you have questions about Medicare?
Join us for an informational class.
Preregistration Required | Free to the Public | Only 20 Seats Available!


**Effingham Catholic Charities
Conference Room**
1502 E Fayette Ave, Teutopolis
Call 217-857-1458 to Register

Dates Available

September 2 - 10 AM
September 4 - 10 AM
September 9 - 1 PM

September 16 - 10 AM
September 18 - 10 AM
September 23 - 1 PM

Effingham
Catholic Charities

MedAssist
PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Upcoming DeColores Fall Weekends:
Men’s Weekend: October 16-19;
Lay Leader: Tim Hodge.
Call or Text him at 217-821-0113

Women’s Weekend: October 23-26; Lay Leader: Sandy Deters.
Call or Text her at 217-259-2417

The weekends are held at Camp Walter Scott south of Effingham (Must sign up prior to attending.)
Call or text for an application.

Sacrament of Baptism - A family must be registered & actively living their faith. Godparents must also be registered in a Catholic parish or other Christian church & actively living their faith. A Baptism Class is required for all parents. We ask that both parents attend this class together. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend. For more information, please call the parish office (1-844-536-6514).

Sacrament of Marriage-Please contact our parish office (1-844-536-6514) at least 9 months before your anticipated wedding date to begin your spiritual preparation. One or both persons must be registered and actively living their faith. All couples planning to be married at our parish must attend a Pre-Cana program, Natural Family Planning program and FOCCUS evaluation.

ATTENTION MEN: UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW YOUR FAITH

Prayer Campaign for LIFE

Sept. 24 – Nov. 2

We will be joining people of faith across our nation to pray, fast, and serve to end abortion and to fight assisted suicide during the “Prayer Campaign for Life”, 40 days focused on building a pro-life culture. This will take place from Sept. 24 to Nov. 2. Please consider participating in all 3 parts of this pro-life campaign:

- Part 1: Commit to an hour of prayer on Tuesday, Sept. 30 and Tuesday, Oct. 7. Come to the church for an hour or pray at home if you can not get to church. 4-5pm each of those days is our normal hour for adoration with mass afterwards.
- Part 2: Commit to fast for an end to abortion (no sign-up required).
- Part 3: Choose an hour or more to volunteer at the Silk Purse Thrift Store in Effingham. Choose any hours between 9 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Contact Valerie Kemme (217) 663-2738 to get on the schedule. Sign-up sheets will be coming soon!!!

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Sept. 13 (Saturday), 8:30 am, outside at the Teutopolis KC Memorial to the Unborn, in front of the Seminary Tower (near the Teutopolis KC Hall).

Effingham Area Right to Life invites the community to join in a solemn tribute for the 13th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Please join us as we honor the memory of the lives lost to abortion and stand united in our commitment to protecting the dignity of all human life. Like and follow “EffinghamAreaRightToLife” on Facebook to stay up to date on local pro-life events and issues.

Bring your own chair to this memorial service if desired. If raining, we will pray under the north canopy of the Banquet Hall. Together, let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land.

St. Charbel’s First Class Relic and relics of other saints coming to Vandalia/Springfield in October

— A First Class relic of St. Charbel Makhlof, the miraculous Maronite priest, monk, and hermit from Lebanon, is coming to our diocese for the first time from his homeland—and Catholics across Illinois are invited to this rare spiritual encounter. The relic will be available for public veneration at two locations: the Sanctuary of the Sorrowful Mother in Vandalia on October 7–8 (Mass at 5 p.m., veneration from 4–8 p.m. both days) and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Sunday, October 19, following the 10 a.m. Mass. Additional relics of holy men and women—including St. Padre Pio, St. Carlo Acutis, the three Fatima children, and a piece of the True Cross—will also be present. Come bring your intentions and experience the powerful intercession of the saints. No RSVP required. For more information, visit OSMM.org or email KeckVanessa7@gmail.com.

SonRise Fridays are BACK! – All Men Invited

SonRise Friday Men’s Breakfast has returned to St. Anthony’s Parish Center for men of all area parishes. Last week was a great beginning to what promises to be a great program. This coming Friday we tackle the issue of men’s leadership and its impact on our current society.

Experience a renewed sense of purpose as you discover the Scriptural Vision of man, including the four leadership roles entrusted to him, and the five personal leadership traits to get there.

Come for food, fellowship and faith 6:15 AM, Friday, St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham. All men are welcome. Learn more at thatmanisyou.com, the parish office, or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495.

Office for the Permanent Diaconate - Interested in becoming a permanent deacon?

Join us after 10am Mass Sunday, September 7th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Following Mass there will be an informational meeting in the atrium. Wives are welcome and encouraged to attend with their husbands. Please visit <https://dio.org/diaconate/> for more information about the diaconate.

Catholic Men’s Overnight Retreat, September 27-28, Villa Maria Retreat Center -

“Sons of the Father, Men in Christ.” Visit dio.org/events for a more detailed schedule and to register. The cost is \$150 and includes overnight accommodations (single occupancy), meals, and retreat materials. Deadline--September 22. Contact events@dio.org with questions.

Men’s Leadership Summit taking place in Edwardsville Oct. 18 – Do you feel like just another guy in a pew? You’re not alone. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has invited John Edwards from Just a Guy in the Pew to host a Men’s Leadership Summit on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville (110 N Buchanan St.) to bring single and married men together to support one another, get inspired by their faith, gain and enhance leadership skills, and discuss best practices for men’s ministry. John is a dynamic, inspirational spiritual leader who has a powerful witness story of hard drug use to finding Christ in a radical way.

Register at dio.org/events. Cost: \$30. Includes materials/food and drink. Deadline to register is Oct. 1. Contact: Gracie Ortiz, Director of Marriage and Family Life at gortiz@dio.org or 217-321-1124 for questions.

IF YOU WERE ASKED ABOUT...

THE CRUSADES,
THE INQUISITION,
"THE DARK AGES",
THE GALILEO AFFAIR,
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?



EPIC

A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY

Do you know your family history? The history of the Church is the story of our family. It is the epic story of our ancestors in the Faith – the heroic men and women who shaped civilization and spread the Gospel throughout the world. Knowing this story is crucial to our identity as Catholics. Just as we would uncover exciting and interesting stories of our ancestors through the study of our family genealogy, we can uncover our Catholic past through the study of Church history.

Many in our society misunderstand and even attack our Church for the supposed misdeeds of the past. Topics such as the Crusades, the "Inquisition", and Galileo are used in an attempt to discredit the Church and her role in the world. What is the truth concerning these events and persons? How can you answer the objections?

Join us for this exciting journey through Church history and you will:

- Learn about the major people, places, and events of the two-thousand years of Church history.
- Remember the 12 time periods of Church history using a unique color-coded system.
- Learn the true story of the Crusades .
- Discover the revolutionary character of the Protestant Reformation.
- Discover the massive persecution of Christians in the 20th century.
- See the workings of the Holy Spirit throughout Church history and much more!

Dates, Time, Location

St. Mary's Shumway
Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
starting Sept 10
(skip 1st Wed. of the month)
Church basement

For More Information

Call/Text Donna Davis
217-690-2640

About Steve Weidenkopf



Steve Weidenkopf has a gift for making Catholic Church history come alive for any audience. He currently serves as a lecturer in Church History for the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College.

www.CatholicTimeline.com



**ALL WOMEN ... COME TO THE
SPRINGFIELD in IL DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN (SDCCW)**

2025 Convention

Wed., Oct. 1

**8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Registration &
Refreshments**

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Convention

11:00 AM Mass

Bishop Thomas Paprocki, Main Celebrant

Hosted by the Alton Deanery Council of Catholic Women

St. Paul's Church and Trinity Hall

1411 Main St., Highland, IL



"LET YOURSELF BE LOVED"

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

Canonized by Pope Francis, Oct. 16, 2016

July 18, 1880 - Nov. 9, 1906



Claire Dwyer desires that all women know how deeply they are loved by God. She is a wife and mom of six and grandmother of two, living and working remotely for the Avila Foundation as Content Editor of Spiritual Direction.com from her home in Arizona. She is a speaker, retreat leader, and author of *This Present Paradise: A Spiritual Journey with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*.



SDCCW email: sdccwinil@gmail.com

FB Page: Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Please receive the registration form from your church --- due Sept. 14.

President of the SDCCW: Janet Zimmerman: 217-494-4743

Forms on bulletin board

St. Mary's Youth Group Presents:

KICKOFF COOKOUT

Sunday, September 7

5-7pm - on the church lawn

School is back in session & so are we!

All 7th-12th grade students & families are invited to a fun evening of food & fellowship as we gear up for the year ahead! Hamburgers, hot dogs, & drinks will be provided; feel free to bring a snack/side to share.

Some fun games are also in store, so be sure to wear shoes you can run in & clothes that can get a little messy! (Parents welcome to participate, too!) And don't forget a lawn chair. Can't wait to see you there!

Don't miss out -

RSVP Now!

 Katrina Davis:
217-240-4291



Diocese of Springfield in Illinois in partnership with
Just a Guy in the Pew presents



MEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

OCTOBER 18, 2025

St. Boniface Catholic Church • 110 N. Buchanan St., Edwardsville, IL

SATURDAY

- 9 a.m.** Holy Mass
 - 9:30 a.m.** Coffee & Check In
 - 10 a.m.** Session 1: **HEART & MIND OF A LEADER**
 - 10:45 a.m.** Small Group Questions/Discussion
 - 11:15 a.m.** Session 2: **WHAT MEN WANT/WHAT MEN NEED**
 - 11:45 a.m.** Small Group Questions/Discussion
 - 12:15 p.m.** Lunch provided by Edley's BBQ
 - 1 p.m.** Session 3: **HOW TO BUILD OR ENHANCE A SUCCESSFUL MEN'S GROUP**
 - 1:45 p.m.** Small Group Questions/Discussion
 - 2:15 p.m.** Session 4: **NEXT STEPS/PRACTICAL DISCUSSION**
 - 2:45 p.m.** Q&A with John Edwards and Large Group Discussion
- QUESTIONS?** Contact Gracie Ortiz at gortiz@dio.org or 217 321-1124



OUR SPEAKER:
JOHN EDWARDS
Founder of Pew Ministries and host of
"Just a Guy in the Pew" podcast



Watch John's story at dio.org/events/mens-leadership-summit/

The cost is \$30 to register • Deadline is October 1, 2025

go.dio.org/mls

Dear Padre,

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



NANCY WIEDICH / ON



ANNA NASS / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In Gaza...children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace.... We implore [Our Lady's] intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Monday

September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or
1:18-23

Tuesday

September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 2:6-15
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

September 10
Weekday
Col 3:1-11
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

September 11
Weekday
Col 3:12-17
Lk 6:27-38

Friday

September 12
Weekday
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

September 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 1:15-17
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 7, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wisdom 9:13-18b / Philemon 9-10, 12-17 / Luke 14:25-33



"In the same way, every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

LUKE 14:33

When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country's Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel's imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when

the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel's command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of "What would Jesus do?" is never without consequences. ●

Reflect

How does following Jesus cost me in my life?