

SAT 4pm	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 6
Servers	Trey Brown Isaac Wells Fred Dust	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown	Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Adeline Brown	Trey Brown Isaac Wells Fred Dust	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown
Lector	Christy Brown	Mike Holland	Donna Davis	Alaina Miller	Sara Roepke
Usher	Jason Wells Doug Brown	Justin Miller Don Brown	Mike Holland Doug Brown	Jason Wells Justin Miller	Don Brown Mike Holland
Ministers of Holy Communion	Donna Davis Sarah Roepke Don Brown	Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland Mike Holland	Katrina Davis Beth Spannagel Sara Roepke	Don Brown Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland	Donna Davis Mike Holland Katrina Davis
Gift Bearers	Doug Brown Family	Jason Wells Family	Jesse Davis Family	Fred & Joe Dust	Kathy Brown
SUN 8am	Nov. 9 Families in Faith	Nov. 16 Fall Breakfast	Nov. 23 Families in Faith	Nov. 30	Dec. 7 Christmas Party
Servers	Zoey Conder Jacob Vonderheide Garrett Hoene	Wade Conder Hunter Buehler Braxton Hoene	Wylie Miller Daisy Miller Olivia Vonderheide	Zoey Conder Wade Conder Hunter Buehler	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Jacob Vonderheide
Lector	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene
Ushers	John Neu Don Antrim	Jason Vonderheide Charley Vonderheide	Larry Lieb Jim Vonderheide	Roy Waldhoff Trevor Floyd	Dennis Koester Shawn Buehler
Ministers of Holy Communion	Vanessa Floyd Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide	Lisa Thompson Lisa Waldhoff Roy Waldhoff	Leslie Kemme Timber Miller Trevor Floyd	Shawn Buehler Linda Doedtman Lisa Thompson	Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff Roy Waldhoff
Gift Bearers	Roy Lisa Waldhoff	Jason Pruem Family	Shawn Buehler Family	Don Marcella Antrim	George Diana Conder
Greeters	John Karen Neu	Wanda Todd Ohnesorge	Lisa Thompson	Rodney Hoene Family	Charley Rhonda Vonderheide
Money Counters	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Sheehan Hackman	Stremming Conder
WED. 8am Lectors	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26	Dec. 3	Dec. 10
	Mike Holland	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester	Alice Richards	Mike Holland

There are copies of the minister list on the bulletin boards. Please take one so you have phone numbers to call a sub when you need one.

Please remember to sign in in the sacristy before mass so we know all ministries are covered.

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.

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).



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Christ the King Sunday—November 23, 2025

#### MISSION

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

#### VISION

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

#### 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

#### Prayer for November

"Grant to Your servants departed, O Lord, we beseech You, Your mercy, that they who prayed that Your will be done, may not receive punishments for their misdeeds but that, even as here below the true faith united them to the ranks of the faithful, so in heaven by Your mercy they may have fellowship with the choirs of angels. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen."



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

Cemetery Committee  
John Adams 618-322-2874  
Matt Childerson 217-254-5896  
Daphne Hoffman 217-821-7268

Funeral Meal Coordinators  
Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399  
Dot Thomas 217-259-8560

**November Committee:**  
Emily Doedtman, Joyce Shadwell,  
Dorothy Hankins, Linda Doedtman  
Helen Doedtman

Thanksgiving Day Mass at  
Shumway will be at 7:30am.

As we come to the end of the Liturgical year, in our readings we hear about the destruction of the Temple, which occurred in 70 A.D. We also hear about the judgement that each of us will face, at our death, or at the Second Coming of Jesus. The events that led up to the destruction of the Temple, many people would find frightening: wars, pestilence, famine, earthquakes, and plagues. And then to think about being brought before civil authorities or the religious authorities, being betrayed by family members or friends? Being put to death because they thought the person's faith in Jesus was a danger to society, or the Jewish faith? Those aren't particularly easy warnings to process.

And then, for us to know that we will face our individual judgment and the Universal Judgment, that Jesus knows what we do, that nothing is hidden from Him. On the surface, that can, at the very least, make us nervous as well. We know Jesus is merciful, we know He is loving, but sometimes we may be afraid of His justice, or be concerned that He is a harsh and unforgiving judge. And, yet, the opening line of Absolution in the Sacrament of Penance is: "God the Father of mercies". The Lord knows our hearts, He knows if we desire, if we do our best, relying on His grace, to live in right relationship with him, with our neighbor. And do we sometimes fall, and fail and sin? Yes, but that's why He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation, that we may be start anew. He desires that we trust in Him, to know His mercy and love for us, and to live in Him. Are we called to greater than just thinking about ourselves and our comfort and getting ahead in the world? Absolutely. And we are also aware that the Lord isn't cruel and He doesn't relish every instance that we fail to His will because of a twisted desire make us suffer at our judgment. Instead, He looks upon us with compassion, and as many times as we seek out His mercy, as many times He extends it to us.

While the news of the future destruction of the Temple and what would lead up to it could be frightening news for those heard, and the knowledge of our judgment can scare us at times, the remedy is the same: Trust in the Lord. Rest in Him. Whatever may come, whatever we may face, let us place our trust in Him, and let Him take care of all of our anxieties.

Fr. Adam



+ This symbol denotes-deceased.

Saturday, Nov. 22 – Parishioners is St. Mary's

Sunday, Nov. 23- Special intention by Josh Timber Miller family

Tuesday, Nov. 25 – Descendants of Alphonse Hartke family by Sally Wakefield

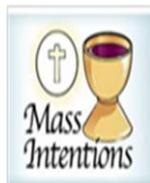
Wednesday, Nov. 26 - †Jack Bolton by Jane Montello

Saturday, Nov. 29 – Parishioner of St. Mary's

Sunday, Nov. 30- †Larry Ferguson by George Diana Conder

Tuesday, Dec. 2 – † Dick Runde by Teresa Tegeler

Wednesday, Dec. 3 - Special Intention by Barb Vonderheide



To schedule a mass intention please use a mass intention envelope. They are in the cry room in the "mailbox" outside the bathroom. There is also a calendar there with available dates. Drop your intention in the collection basket. If you have any questions, contact Donna Davis @1-844-536-6514.

**Dear Padre** November 23, 2025

*Why is a US secular holiday like Thanksgiving on the Church's liturgical calendar?*

Since November 1969, the Proper Calendar offers a Thanksgiving Day Mass for US dioceses. While it also includes Independence Day, no suggestion is made for other civic holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.). Instead, the Roman Missal provides "Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions" that are suited to these observances (Ordo #5, GIRM 368–378).

In the United States, November is associated with giving thanks to God. In 1623—three years after the Pilgrims sailed to this land on the Mayflower—a severe drought threatened their crops. Consequently, a day of prayer was observed, an abundant rain saved the harvest, and a Day of Thanksgiving was established. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation for "Thanksgiving and Praise to Our Beneficent Father" on the last Thursday of November (later moved to the fourth Thursday).

However, thanking God isn't just a one-day event; it's meant to be a perennial practice. Recall the lesson of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one of whom returned to thank him. (See Luke 17:11–19.) People who don't take their blessings for granted return thanks to God in prayer. Therefore, offer brief prayers of gratitude to God throughout the day, every day, for such gifts as your health and faith, the freedoms allowed in this country, "thy daily bread," and the Eucharist—a word that means "thanksgiving." "Become what you pray"—a grateful disciple of our Lord! •Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

**March for Life in Washington DC on Jan 21-25.**

The last time the large group went was 6 years ago. Many of today's teenagers have not experienced this life changing event. Abortion in Illinois has been increasing since the overturn of Roe v Wade. We must stand up, speak out, and MARCH FOR LIFE.

The cost is \$200 by Dec 1, with the balance \$200 by Jan 1. Partial scholarships are available.

For more info call Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056



EVERY weekend, we will be collecting food for local food pantries. You can find the donation tote in the cry room.

**Weekly Offering.....11-23-25**

Adult.....\$2035.00

Loose..... 403.00

World Mission.....5.00

All Saints.....420.00

Cemetery .....100.00

**Total.....\$3828.00**

**Masses-\$40.00**

**Parish Hall update \$139,575.13**



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

**MONDAY**

November 24

St. Andrew  
DũngLạc, Priest,  
and  
Companions,  
Martyrs

Dn 1:1–6, 8–20

Lk 21:1–4

**TUESDAY**

November 25

Dn 2:31–45

Lk 21:5–11

**WEDNESDAY**

November 26

Dn 5:1–6, 13–14,  
16–17, 23–28

Lk 21:12–19

**THURSDAY**

November 27

Thanksgiving Day  
(US)

Sir 50:22–24

1 Cor 1:3–9

Lk 17:11–19

**FRIDAY**

November 28

Dn 7:2–14

Lk 21:29–33

**SATURDAY**

November 29

Dn 7:15–27

Lk 21:34–36

**SUNDAY**

November 30

First Sunday  
of Advent

Is 2:1–5

Rom 13:11–14

Mt 24:37–44

## 21st Annual Effingham County Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Effingham County FISH Organization is sponsoring the 21st Annual Effingham County Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Thursday, November 27, 2025

We will offer a congregate meal at Cornerstone Christian Church, with serving beginning at 12:30pm. We will still offer delivered meals as well as curbside pickup.

Curbside pickup will be available at Cornerstone Christian Church, 3600 South Bunker, Effingham, between 11:00am & 12 noon. Meals will be delivered after 10:00am.

This event is free and open to all Effingham County Residents and their families, however donations are always greatly appreciated and may be sent to: FISH, PO Box 473, Effingham, IL 62401.

To reserve a Congregate Meal, Home Delivered Meal or Curbside Pickup, please call 217-821-4387 between November 1st through November 24, 2025.

Volunteers are needed to help package and deliver meals. We will start packaging meals at 9:00am on Thanksgiving day. To volunteer, please call 217-343-7342.

### Contact Governor Pritzker, asking him to VETO SB

**1950** – As you know, life is sacred from conception to natural death, and assisted suicide violates that basic tenet of Church teaching.

Your voice matters on this bipartisan issue! For more information on assisted suicide, go to [ilcatholic.org](http://ilcatholic.org).

The phone number for Governor Pritzker is 217-782-6830 or write: Office of the Governor, 401 S. Spring St., Springfield, IL 62704.



### HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR

Effingham Catholic Young Adults (21-35) will meet Nov. 25  
Holy Hour – 7pm  
Sacred Heart, Effingham  
Happy Hour – 8pm  
Effingham Event Center

First Known Incurrupt Baby? Brian Gallagher's Body Defies Logic – In this episode of Dive Deep, we explore a story many are calling miraculous: a baby that is incurrupt. Baby Brian Gallagher died in 1982. But 37 years after his death, after being re-interred, he was found looking like he was sleeping. We interview Brian's brother, Thomas Gallagher to get the full story and message the family wants you to know. Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://www.youtube.com/diospringfield) or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

**Looking for a fun way to celebrate New Year's Eve?** Join St. Isidore Parish at the St. Aloysius Parish Hall (19812 E 1000th Ave, Dieterich) for an unforgettable evening of laughter, great food, and festive fun! Doors open at 6:30 PM with a Beef & Pork Loin Dinner served at 7:30 PM. The theme is The Roaring Twenties—celebrating 100 years since Prohibition with vintage flair. Dress as a glamorous flapper, a dashing gangster in pinstripes, or simply come as you are and enjoy the show from the sidelines. There will be a cash bar (cash only), prizes for best dressed, and plenty of fun activities throughout the night. We're reserving tables, so gather your group and book your spot early for a night to remember! Contact 217-663-2382 or 217-821-5897 for ticket sales.

St. Thomas, Newton is looking for a Kindergarten teacher. More info about the position and an application found at [www.stthomassaints.com](http://www.stthomassaints.com) under school information – employment opportunities.

### Happy Birthday



Wanda Ohnesorge 11-23  
Larry Lieb 11-27

### Happy Anniversary

JIM & MARY MILLER 11-25-1972  
53 years

The adult Christmas party will be Friday, December 19th, 6pm at A1 -HWY 33 (Lake Sara). There will be a DJ and a food truck. There will also be snacks. Come join us for a good time and a lot of laughter. There will be a sign up sheet in the cry room. If you have any questions please contact December committee. Hope to see everyone there.



### Families in Faith

Next class Sunday, Nov. 23, Dec. 14 & 21

If you have any questions, contact Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399  
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES...  
PRE-K THROUGH ADULT!!!

### Bible Study @ St. Mary's, Shumway

"A Journey Through Church History."  
Next meetings Dec. 10 & 17



SIGN UP ASAP-PARTY IS SUNDAY, Dec. 7. The Christmas season is fast approaching which means our Annual Family Christmas party is just around the corner. This year the party will take place after Mass Sunday, Dec. 7. Please sign up in the cry room so the committee can get an accurate count for the meal. Thank you.



Coming next week!! The Giving Gift Tag Board will be set up in the cry room. Gifts will be due back by Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.

### PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!



Walker Clark  
Steve Fritts  
Kenny Hille  
Eloise P.  
Trevor Roy  
Tony Bierman  
Tori Schairbaum  
Tom Laue  
Jerry Worman  
Mardell Sheehan  
Elsie McKay

Kathy Miller  
David Brown  
Kathy Wakefield  
Larry Nation  
Beth Hewing  
Jim Gordon  
Don Kemme  
Don Clark  
Steve Moore

Sally Wakefield  
Pat Kuhns  
Bill Hamilton  
Christie Dust  
Helen Kollinger  
Bill Nuxoll  
Cinda Held  
Marita Elson

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

## SonRise Fridays – Men Leaders' breakfast

After a Thanksgiving break, the SonRise Men's Breakfast invites all men to for Hot Breakfast on Friday, December 5. fellowship and faith 6:15 AM – 7:30 AM, Friday, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham. This week we put a human face on all the discussions on male leadership and the state of western society. We will see incredible insight from James Stockdale and Eminem. Learn more at [thatmanisyous.com](http://thatmanisyous.com)

## Year End Giving Resources & Reminders - Year-End Gifts Due by December 31st

**QCDs:** Give to St. Mary's from your IRA- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), also known as IRA Charitable Rollovers, are the savviest way for those age 70½ or older to use their IRAs to maximize their charitable impact. And, if you are subject to a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), an IRA gift can help you meet your RMD without increasing your taxable income. Visit [bit.ly/ParishQCD](http://bit.ly/ParishQCD) to learn more about this giving option and to initiate a QCD gift to St. Mary's. For specific questions about how IRA giving may impact your personal situation, consult a financial or tax advisor.

**Bequests:** Have you documented your final wishes? Creating your estate plan is an act of care that can help you protect your loved ones, communicate healthcare and financial decisions about the future, and establish a legacy that honors your Catholic faith. Our new estate planning tool at [www.freewill.com/dioceseofspringfield](http://www.freewill.com/dioceseofspringfield) can help you write your legal will for free and makes it easy to make a sustaining gift to your parish home, ensuring the ministry of St. Mary continues for generations to come. For specific questions about how estate planning may impact your personal situation, consult a tax advisor or lawyer.

If you have any questions, contact Karen Kemme.



**SAVE the DATE**

We will be taking parish directory photos January 8, 9, and 10. Stay tuned to the bulletin for times, scheduling etc.

**FORMED-Catholic Streaming Service** To sign up follow these directions.

1. Go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org)
2. Click on Find your Parish Subscription
3. Enter 62461 in the find your parish box
4. Click on St. Mary's and Next and create your account

**Advent Day of Recollection:** Preparing Our Hearts for the Coming of Christ – Gift yourself an afternoon of spiritual reflection and prayer during this Advent season. Join Norbertine Father Herman Joseph Johanneck, O. Praem, at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield for an opportunity to personally encounter hope, peace, joy and love. Sunday, Dec. 7 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost: \$25 (retreat materials and dinner). Registration Deadline: November 30. Register at [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events). Open to men and women.



Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
4-7 PM



# Mattoon Deanery Marriage Date Night

*"49 Years of Keeping the Christ and the Church at the center of our Marriage"*

Talk given by Bill and Pat Prichard

Join us to strengthen your marriage, listen to a loving couple share their experiences, and join in fellowship.

Open to everyone, not just St. Mary's parishioners.

Childcare available. Please RSVP by November 25<sup>th</sup>. Catering provided by Joe's Pizza and Pasta. \$40 a couple



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or go to:  
<https://tinyurl.com/4vzm7awv>

# Advent Activity

## "How to Advent"

### Video series On Formed!!!

The Solemnity of Christ the King Year C reminds us that Jesus is our true King. His kingdom is different from earthly kingdoms because it is built on love, mercy, and sacrifice.

Jesus is the King who brings peace, justice, and mercy. His kingdom will never end. He invites us to trust in him and live by his example. The Solemnity of Christ the King Year C reminds us to follow his way, even when it is difficult. When we do, we become part of his everlasting kingdom.

#### Reflection Questions

- How is Jesus' kingship different from earthly rulers?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be your King?
- How does the Gospel reading show Jesus' mercy?
- Why do you think people had trouble accepting Jesus as King?
- What does Jesus' kingdom look like in your life?
- How can you show love and mercy like Jesus?
- What does the good thief teach us about faith?
- How do you see God's kingdom growing in the world?
- What sacrifices does Jesus ask us to make?
- How can you trust Jesus more in your daily life?

#### Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are our King. Your rule is not about power but about love. Help us to follow you and trust in your ways. Teach us to serve others and to live in your kingdom each day. Fill our hearts with faith and mercy. Amen. [young-catholics.com](http://young-catholics.com)

Advent sometimes just feels like that time that is sandwiched between Thanksgiving and Christmas – life is hectic with Christmas shopping, parties, the school year ending, and so much more. But as Catholics – we really ought to enter into this season of joyful anticipation with purpose and intention! In How to Advent, we will discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they aid us in preparing our hearts for the birth of the child Jesus at Christmas. Guided by priests, religious, professors, and a charismatic host, you will gain practical tips and spiritual reflection on the practices of the Advent calendar, Advent wreath, Jesse tree, and nativity scene.

#### Prayer to Christ the King

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.  
We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You,  
O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.  
Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.  
Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.  
Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.

Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.  
We have deserved Your Just Judgment.  
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.  
We trust in Your Great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray,  
May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth.

Amen

#### St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions--Vietnamese Martyrs Feast Day: November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions are known as the Vietnamese Martyrs. They were Christians who lived in Vietnam and gave their lives for their faith. During the 18th and 19th centuries, Christians in Vietnam faced persecution. Many were arrested, tortured, and killed for refusing to give up their beliefs.

St. Andrew Dung-Lac was a priest. He was born to a poor family in Vietnam. As a young man, he learned about the Catholic faith and was baptized. He became a priest and worked to spread the Gospel in Vietnam, even though it was very dangerous.

The Vietnamese Martyrs include over 100 other priests, laypeople, and religious brothers and sisters. They all stood firm in their faith, even when faced with torture and death. They wanted to remain loyal to Jesus Christ, no matter the cost.

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