

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

Advent Penance Service— Sunday, Dec. 14

3-4:30pm

Parish Family Potluck
Sun., Dec. 14- 5pm
Bring your favorite dish to share.

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."



December Committee:
Leslie Kemme, Rhonda Vonderheide,
Daphne Hoffman, Kathy Adams,
Stephanie Pape

As we begin the season of Advent, it can be easy to focus on the hopeful anticipation as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas. On the other hand, if I only focus on the hopeful anticipation of the celebration of the birth of Our Savior into the world to the exclusion of how I can make a home fitting for Christ in my life and in my home, then I don't understand the entirety of what I am supposed to be doing for Advent. Is Jesus welcome in my life?

If Jesus is welcome in my life, am I living in a manner that openly acknowledges it? Or, am I saying to Jesus, "Yeah, you're free to stay, I want you here, but if you can make sure that you're not seen when you're coming or going, that'd be great. Oh, and if you could stay in your guest room while my friends and family are over, that'd be best. I mean, I like you and everything, and want you here, but...I don't know if they would appreciate you being here. It's not that I don't want others to know that you're a part of my life, I just don't know that they're ready to be in this group, and I don't know that you'd be comfortable, so it's just for the best that we keep this whole thing private." If I treat Jesus like that, then I really don't actually want Him to part of my life, I just want Him around when it's convenient for me and I won't think that I'll be embarrassed or ashamed.

But Advent isn't meant to just be a season that we celebrate in Church, but pay no attention to outside, even though many stores have had Christmas decorations out and prominent since around Halloween. We can live out the season of Advent in our lives, and it's a good thing to do. What do I need to prepare the way of the Lord, both in church and in my life? If I know that Jesus wants to be at home in my life because of His deep and abiding love for me, what am I doing to make sure that my soul, that my heart that my entire life is prepared to receive Him each and every day?

That doesn't mean that we can't have fun, that we have to be serious and severe every moment of every day. After all we preparing, we are making the way ready for the Lord with JOYFUL anticipation. We rejoice in His mercy, we rejoice in His love, we rejoice that He desires to be in our midst. And, so, while we prepare ourselves, in a special way during Advent, we don't need to be riddled with anxiety or fear, or say "I'm not sure Jesus is going to be happy with what I've let my life become overcrowded with. If we work on preparing to welcome Him into our lives, He will help us get rid of the things that have led us away from Him. So, while it is important for us to prepare, let us not fear while we are doing so.

Fr. Adam



PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!



Walker Clark	Kathy Miller	Sally Wakefield
Steve Fritts	David Brown	Pat Kuhns
Kenny Hille	Kathy Wakefield	Bill Hamilton
Eloise P.	Larry Nation	Christie Dust
Trevor Roy	Beth Hewing	Helen Kollinger
Tony Bierman	Jim Gordon	Bill Nuxoll
Tori Schairbaum	Don Kemme	Cinda Held
Tom Laue	Don Clark	Marita Elson
Jerry Worman	Steve Moore	

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

Dear Padre November 30, 2025

Is Advent a penitential season?

Strictly speaking, the penitential times in the Church are "every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent" (Code of Canon Law, 1250). Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ's First Coming is remembered, and this remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. (See Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 39.) While Advent is more anticipatory than penitential, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops states, "Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas." Although, historically, Advent was similar to Lent as a forty-day period of prayer and fasting, it was less severe than the season preceding Easter, and it lacked uniformity in the Western Church. The Eastern Church still begins the Nativity Fast on November 15, while in the Western Church, Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas.

Regardless, the significant focus of Advent is our Lord's coming (adventus in Latin). The Church reflects this anticipation of Advent through such practices as limiting floral arrangements in the sanctuary, simpler liturgical music, and omitting the Gloria at Mass until Christmas. We can also reflect the anticipation of Advent through such spiritual practices as participation in works of charity, moderation in shopping, celebration of the sacrament of penance, fasting on Fridays, and prayerful contemplation on our Savior's Incarnation. ●Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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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.....	\$1535.00
Loose.....	308.00
Xmas flowers.....	50.00
Cemetery	200.00
Total.....	\$2093.00

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
December 1
Advent Weekday
Is 4:2-6
Mt 8:5-11
TUESDAY
December 2
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24
WEDNESDAY
December 3
St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37
THURSDAY
December 4
Advent Weekday
Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27
FRIDAY
December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31
SATURDAY
December 6
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
SUNDAY
December 7
Second Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12

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

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

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



Effingham Catholic Young Adults

DEC
9TH
@7PM

HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR



Confession available

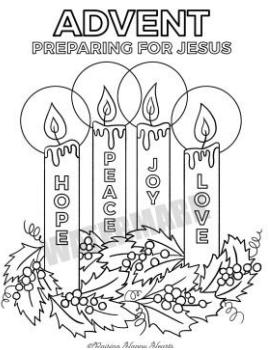


For
young
adults
ages
21-35

HOLY 7pm @ St. Francis Church
HOUR 203 E. Main St. Teutopolis
HAPPY 8pm @ Kenters Tavern
HOUR 109 E. Main St. Teutopolis



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. Open to men and women.



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 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 under school information – employment opportunities.

Families in Faith

Next class Sunday, Dec. 14 & 21

Please note the change for Families and Faith in December. We will have family time on Sunday, December 14, 2025. On December 21, 2025 we will have PSR and will be decorating for Christmas that morning. Anyone interested in helping is invited to join us. If there are any questions please contact Christy Brown at 217-273-5177. All are welcome!!



This year we are again helping spread the Christmas cheer to children in the Beecher City and Stew-Stras areas. There is a Gift Tag Board set up in the cry room. There are 2 tags for each child with many options for gifts on each. Do what you can. **GIFTS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE BASEMENT BY SUNDAY, DEC. 14!!!!** Please make sure the tag is attached to the package. If there are multiple packages, please make sure each package has a tag with the appropriate number attached to it. Thank you for your generosity to our communities!!! If you have questions, please contact Donna Davis.

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.



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.



[†] This symbol denotes-deceased.

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

Saturday, Dec. 6– Catholic Daughter's of the Americas

Sunday, Dec. 7- [†]Ross Pautler by Duane Joyce Shadwell

Monday, Dec. 8 -6:30pm Descendants of Alphonse Hartke family by Sally Wakefield

Tuesday, Dec. 9 – [†]Jeffery Fred by Teresa Tegeler

Wednesday, Dec. 10 - [†]Louis Tegeler by Family

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.

Holiday Mass Schedule-

Immaculate Conception-Holy Day

Green Creek – 6:30am Shumway – 6:30pm

Christmas Eve

- Shumway- 5pm Green Creek- Midnight

Christmas Day

-Shumway 8:00 am Green Creek 10:00 am

PRACTICE SINGING FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES-
Tuesdays - Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16 ALL ARE WELCOME!!



If you would like to donate for **Christmas Flowers**, please put the money in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers". Please note if the donation is made in memory or in honor of a loved one.

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



SAVE the DATE

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

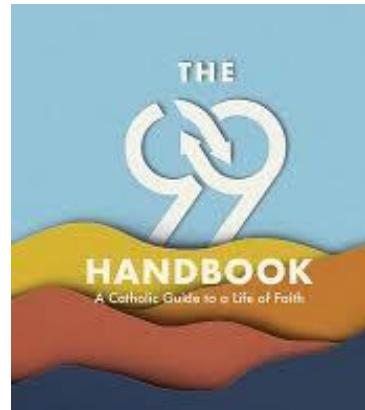
Contact Governor Pritzker, asking him to VETO SB 1950

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.

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

Book for Advent-Available at the entrances of church.



The 99 Handbook is an invitation to examine your life of faith, beginning with where you are right now. The 99 Handbook makes the case that a life of faith a personal relationship with Jesus is necessary, reasonable, and rewarding. It also shows that evangelization is an essential calling of every Christian.

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 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 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.

Advent
Activity
"How to Advent"
video series On
Formed!!!

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.

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

1. Go to 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

Bible Study @ St. Mary's, Shumway
"A Journey Through Church History."
Next meetings Dec. 10 & 17