

SAT 4pm	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27	Jan. 3
Servers	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown	Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Adeline Brown	Trey Brown Isaac Wells Fred Dust	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown	Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Adeline Brown
Lector	Sara Roepke	Doug Brown	Christy Brown	Katrina Davis	Mike Holland
Usher	Don Brown Mike Holland	Jason Wells Justin Miller	Doug Brown Don Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Justin Miller Don Brown
Ministers of Holy Communion	Donna Davis Mike Holland Katrina Davis	Beth Spannagel Sara Roepke Don Brown	Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland Mike Holland	Donna Davis Katrina Davis Beth Spannagel	Sara Roepke Don Brown Kathy Brown
Gift Bearers	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family	Jesse Davis Family	Jason Wells Family
SUN 8am	Dec. 7 Christmas Party	Dec. 14 Families in Faith	Dec. 21 Families in Faith	Dec. 28	Jan. 4
Servers	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Jacob Vonderheide	Wade Conder Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder	Wylie Miller Daisy Miller Hunter Buehler	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Jacob Vonderheide	Wade Conder Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder
Lector	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson
Ushers	Dennis Koester Shawn Buehler	Joe Conder Gene Doedtman	Tom Doedtman Josh Miller	Justin Conder John Neu	Don Antrim Jason Vonderheide
Ministers of Holy Communion	Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff Roy Waldhoff	Leslie Kemme Timber Miller Trevor Floyd	Shawn Buehler Linda Doedtman Lisa Thompson	Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff Roy Waldhoff	Leslie Kemme Timber Miller Trevor Floyd
Gift Bearers	George Diana Conder	Jason Vonderheide Fam.	Tom Helen Doedtman	Ed Leslie Kemme	Allen Geannine Kessler
Greeters	Charley Rhonda Vonderheide	Barb Vonderheide	Roy Lisa Waldhoff	Jason Pruemer Family	Larry Lieb
Money Counters	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales/Richards Hackman/Sheehan
WED. 8am Lectors	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31	Dec. 14
	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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**Annunciation Church of B.V.M.**  
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Third Sunday of Advent-December 14, 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

**December Committee:**

Leslie Kemme, Rhonda Vonderheide, Daphne Hoffman, Kathy Adams, Stephanie Pape

# Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus.  
 Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours.  
 Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

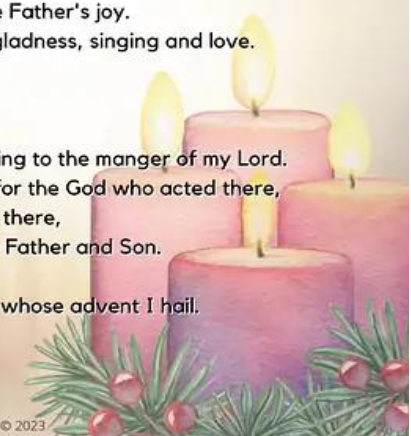
Come, long-expected Jesus.  
 Excite in me a hunger for peace:  
 peace in the world,  
 peace in my home,  
 peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus.  
 Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy.  
 I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus.  
 Excite in me the joy  
 and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord.  
 Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there,  
 hearty gratitude for the life begun there,  
 and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail.

Amen



The last few weeks, we’ve had two funerals in the Diocese for two priests who were still in active ministry, Fr. Joe Ring and Fr. Daren Zehnle. Two men, two brother priests of mine who have died suddenly, and truly, surprisingly.

Unfortunately, I wasn’t able to make it to Fr. Joe’s funeral a few weeks ago. However, I did make it to Fr. Daren’s on Tuesday. And certainly, it was beautiful to see Fr. Daren’s friends, family members, former parishioners, and current students fill St. Francis church in Quincy. It was beautiful because it was a testimony to those whom he had impacted throughout his life, throughout his ministry. And those who were able to attend, wanted to demonstrate, in a particular way, the fact that he made an impact on them, and they love him for it.

Another beautiful aspect of going to a brother priest’s funeral, and concelebrating, is the fact that, at least in the Diocese of Springfield, we all try to make it to every one that we are able. It isn’t always possible to do, unfortunately, but we are all going to make a genuine effort to do so. We may not have always seen eye to eye with the priest who has died; we may not have been the closest of friends, after all, we have different personalities, different interests, different opinions and viewpoints; we may have only seen one another at the “official” Diocesan events. And, yet, even when any or all of those things are true, and then some, he is still a brother priest, truly a brother; and even when I don’t necessarily get along with family members or agree with everything that they do, I still love my family members, whether it’s by blood, whether it’s brothers in the priesthood, or whether it’s my parish families. And I want the best for all of my family, I want my family to know I love them, and more, most importantly, God loves them and calls them to Himself. And I pray for all my family members, living, and pray for the repose of their souls when they die. The family of God, is the best family to be a part of. And to be within the particular brother-hood of priests within the family of God, is an absolute gift.

Please, pray for the priests that you know, that daily we can grow in witnessing to the love of Jesus to everyone we encounter, that we may rely on the grace and the mercy of God in our own lives, knowing that it is in Him, that we, that all people, truly, find their identity and their home. Priests, especially me, are not perfect, we have our flaws and our foibles, and we make mistakes. The prayers of our parishioners, of our families, of our friends, are truly important. They help to sustain us, help us to grow, and are a true witness to love.

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	
Mardell Sheehan		
Elsie McKay		

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

**Dear Padre** December 14, 2025  
***Does the Bible say that Mary was in her sixth month of pregnancy at the Annunciation?***

The announcement of Jesus’ birth in Luke begins, “In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph...and the virgin’s name was Mary” (Luke 1:26–27). This Scripture passage taken out of context could possibly give the impression that “in the sixth month” refers to Mary. However, it refers to Mary’s cousin Elizabeth, who was in the sixth month of her pregnancy with John the Baptist. The proper context is a few verses before this one that reads, “Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months” (Luke 1:24).

Regarding Mary’s pregnancy, at the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel tells her, “Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.... The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God” (Luke 1:31, 35). Gabriel also informs Mary, “And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren” (Luke 1:36). In general, women already in their sixth month of pregnancy would likely be aware of their condition, and it would not be easy to conceal from others. ●

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Sacred Heart Parish in Effingham invites all mothers to come pray with our Millions of Monicas group. This is a group of mothers coming together to lift up their children (of all ages) in prayer. Millions of Monicas meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. The next meeting is Monday, December 15. For more information, visit [www.millionsofmonicas.com](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com)



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

**Weekly Offering.....12-7-25**

Adult.....\$2130.00  
Loose..... 416.00  
Immaculate Conception....55.00  
Xmas flowers.....205.00

**Total.....\$2806.00**  
**Masses \$30**

**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

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

**MONDAY**  
December 15  
Advent Weekday  
Nm 24:2–7,  
15–17a  
Mt 21:23–27  
**TUESDAY**  
December 16  
Advent Weekday  
Zep 3:1–2, 9–13  
Mt 21:28–32  
**WEDNESDAY**  
December 17  
Advent Weekday  
Gn 49:2, 8–10  
Mt 1:1–17  
**THURSDAY**  
December 18  
Advent Weekday  
Jer 23:5–8  
Mt 1:18–25  
**FRIDAY**  
December 19  
Advent Weekday  
Jgs 13:2–7,  
24–25a  
Lk 1:5–25  
**SATURDAY**  
December 20  
Advent Weekday  
Is 7:10–14  
Lk 1:26–38  
**SUNDAY**  
December 21  
Fourth Sunday  
of Advent  
Is 7:10–14  
Rom 1:1–7  
Mt 1:18–24



Effingham CYA Group Presents:

*Ask a Priest Anything*

with special guest:

**Fr. Ambrose Criste, O.Praem.**

For young adults 21+  
Monday Dec 22 @7p

Effingham Event Center  
Knights Meeting Room

**Feast of St. Sebastian: Men's faith, Beer, and Bourbon Night** – Men are invited to an evening of fraternity at the Villa Maria Conference Center -Tuesday, January 20: 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Cost: \$10  
Registration Deadline: January 16  
Contact: events@dio.org. Register at: dio.org/events

**DATE NIGHT**

Join us for the monthly deanery date night!

**Sunday, January 18th  
4pm-7pm  
at Saint Aloysius Church (Bishop Creek)**

4pm Prayer Service in Bishop Church  
Followed by our speakers, Kramer & Andrea Soderberg,  
and catered dinner from Niemerg's in the parish hall

Childcare provided  
\$30 per couple

Address:  
19812 E 1000<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Dieterich, IL

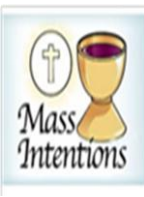
**RSVP here  
by 1/12:**



**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.

**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.

† This symbol denotes-deceased.

 Saturday, Dec. 13 – †Matthew Tegeler by Family  
Sunday, Dec. 14- †Tom Vonderheide by Barb Vonderheide  
Tuesday, Dec. 16 – Descendants of Alphonse Hartke family by Sally Wakefield  
Wednesday, Dec. 17 - †Mary Flach by Mark Karen Kemme  
Saturday, Dec. 20 - Parishioner of St. Mary's  
Sunday, Dec. 21 - †Ron Worman by George Diana Conder  
Tuesday, Dec. 23 - †Jeffery Fred by Teresa Tegeler  
Christmas Eve - 5pm -†Ed & Myrtle Savickas by Josh & Timber Miller Family  
Christmas Day – 8am - †Mike Hartke family by Sally Wakefield

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.

**Advent Penance Service—  
Sunday, Dec. 14 3-4:30pm**

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

**Happy Anniversary**


DWIGHT & BEV STORM 12-14-1963  
62 years

DAVID & CHRISTY BALES 12-17-1983  
42 years

**PRACTICE SINGING FOR  
CHRISTMAS MASSES-  
Tuesday - Dec. 16 ALL ARE  
WELCOME!!**

**Holiday Mass Schedule-**  
Christmas Eve  
- Shumway- 5pm Green Creek- Midnight  
Christmas Day  
-Shumway 8:00 am Green Creek 10:00 am  
Solemnity of Mary  
-vigil Dec. 31 - 5pm Green Creek  
Jan. 1 - 8 am Shumway  
Ministries for our holiday masses will be all volunteer. Sign up in the cry room if you would like to participate in mass as a liturgical minister at any of those masses.

**Happy Birthday**



Terry Thomas 12-14  
Shelby McCormick 12-15

**ATTENTION-When you leave church please make sure the door shuts behind you. The cold weather causes them to stick and not close. Thank you.**

The parish family extends its deepest sympathies to Jake and Daphne Hoffman on the passing of their granddaughter, Magnolia Hirschauer.

And to Marcella and Don Antrim and family on the passing of Marcella's sister, Mabel Harris.

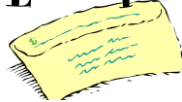
May they rest in peace.



**BE ON THE LOOK OUT  
2026 Contribution Envelopes**

In 2026, we will be transitioning over to a new envelope provider: National Church Solutions (or NCS). The offertory envelopes will be mailed directly to your home every other month. The first envelopes for January and February will arrive towards the end of December. If you are not on the envelope mailing list but would like to be added, please contact Karen Kemme or Donna Davis.

**Offering  
Envelopes**



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.



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.

**Bible Study @ St. Mary's, Shumway**  
"A Journey Through Church History."  
Next meeting Dec. 17

**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

**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!!

**CCW ANNUAL CASSEROLE DINNER  
Tuesday, January 6, 2026 @ 6pm**



The CCW at St. Mary's Shumway invites all the ladies of Shumway to bring their favorite casserole. Please come to the church basement at the side door. We are asking that the ladies label their casserole and provide the recipe. The CCW invites women from Sacred Heart, St. Anthony, and Green Creek to enjoy the evening with us. We will enjoy good food, fellowship, and a special guest to entertain us. THANK YOU

**We will be taking parish directory photos January 8, 9, and 10.**



**AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!!!**



Below is the link where you can sign up for an appointment. The appointments are in 10 minute increments. We ask that you arrive 10-15 minutes early to fill out address information for the directory.

Thurs. Jan. 8 –4-8pm

Fri. Jan. 9 –Noon-9pm

Sat. Jan. 10 –9-2 pm

Someone will be available after masses in the back of church to help sign you up, if needed.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FAAAF23A4FBC16-61223714-directory>

Parish Directory Information from the Photographer:

My name is Jennifer I will be your Photographer and I also build the book.

Great news I will not be pressuring you to buy any photos we are going to snap your photo make sure you like it and name it for the directory on the computer.

If you like the photo, you may purchase it. Your options to purchase are

1-5x7-\$10.00

4-wallets-\$10.00

2-3.5x5-\$10.00

1-8x10-\$20.00

Or I can email you your image for \$20.00

Your Parish has graciously decided to provide one directory per family, if you choose to purchased another directory you may for \$20.00.

Any Questions please call Ja-Fa Photo @ 2178212751 ask for Jennifer.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** ---CONTACT DONNA DAVIS IF YOU CAN HELP  
217-690-2640

One or two people who can help with scheduling after masses.

We will also need greeters to help with paperwork the day of the photos. Shifts will be in 2-hour increments.