

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 Pruemmer 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. 31	Jan. 21	Jan. 28
	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).



+Bishop Thomas John Paprocki
www.dio.org

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph-December 28, 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

January Committee:

Marcella Antrim, Rosemary Holland,
 Mary Miller, Jennifer Bales,
 Tricia Holland



FAMILY PRAYER

*God made us a family
 We need one another
 We love one another
 We forgive one another
 We work together
 We play together
 We worship together
 Together we use God's word
 Together we grow in Christ
 Together we love all men
 Together we serve our God
 Together we hope
 for Heaven
 These are our hopes
 and ideals
 Help us to attain them,
 O God, through
 Jesus Christ our Lord*

As we celebrate the Christmas season, it can be easy to lose sight of what the significance of Christmas is for us as individuals and as a church. We can get so immersed in preparation for welcoming family members in from out of town, or preparing food to bring to dinner, figuring out if all the presents have been bought and worrying if we have time to go on a last minute present run (or if it can be delivered in time), or comparing how different parish churches throughout the area have decorated for Christmas and which ones we prefer.

Now, welcoming others into our homes shows hospitality, and that’s important; preparing food for dinner reminds us that we all need to eat and we would prefer it to taste good; showing generosity and love by putting time into selecting gifts that another person will enjoy is wonderful; and decorating churches for particular seasons, particularly Christmas, can help lead us into a greater appreciation for the beauty of a parish church.

But what if we had none of that? What if we didn’t have a home to welcome people into, or friends and family to visit us or us visit them? What if we didn’t have the resources to make an extra dish, because that would strain our food too much? What if money is so tight, or so sparse, that we don’t have the resources to put into a physical gift? What if a parish, for whatever reason, doesn’t or can’t decorate with all the items that foster that feeling of Christmas joy? Would Christmas mean as much to us, to me, as it does now?

If I believe that it is the dinners with family and friends, the hosting, the presents, the decorations in church that make Christmas, that give it it’s pop, Christmas wouldn’t mean as much to me as it does now.

On the other hand, if Christmas is about the truth that Jesus Christ entered into this world, that His people may be saved from sin, be able to enter into a deeper relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, that we may not perish but have eternal life, then Christmas has a more significant meaning. That doesn’t mean that when we have the resources that we don’t spend time with family and friends, have dinners, give gifts, and decorate churches; those are beautiful traditions. But at the heart of Christmas is the fact that God loves us so much, that Jesus Christ entered the world, so that we may have new life.

Our world has changed, our lives can change, because of the love that God has for us. The Lord Jesus loves you, personally, and desires to be in relationship with you.

Merry Christmas!
Fr. Adam

Merry Christmas



PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!

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| Sally Wakefield | Mardell Sheehan | Steve Moore |
| Ron Harris | Elsie McKay | Pat Kuhns |
| Lottie McCormick | Kathy Miller | Bill Hamilton |
| Steve Fritts | David Brown | Christie Dust |
| Kenny Hille | Kathy Wakefield | Helen Kollinger |
| Eloise P. | Larry Nation | Bill Nuxoll |
| Trevor Roy | Beth Hewing | Cinda Held |
| Tony Bierman | Jim Gordon | |
| Tori Schairbaum | Don Kemme | |
| Tom Laue | Don Clark | |
| Jerry Worman | | |
| Mardell Sheehan | | |

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

Dear Padre December 28, 2025

A friend of mine took his life. He was a very staunch Catholic. His wife wanted to know if he could be buried or have a Mass in the Catholic Church.

Yes, your friend should most certainly receive a Catholic funeral and burial. “We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives” (The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2283).

A person who is suffering with a mental illness or disorder, certainly a prerequisite for suicide, may not have the necessary mental freedom to choose something that is understood as grave or mortal. In other words, he or she does not have the necessary requirements for full and free consent of the will.

Not that long ago, suicide was often misunderstood. Thankfully, today we understand the havoc and suffering of mental illness, and that a person can be a victim, even if it might look like he or she is not. The great suffering of those who take their own lives must not be dismissed or discarded. The family members and friends of a person who suffers suicide should also not be judged but should only receive compassion and understanding. They, too, are victims, in the fullest sense of the word and in the truest understanding of what it means to be a fragile human being.

● Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Weekly Offering.....12-21-25

Adult.....\$3035.00
Loose..... 728.00
Catholic Children’s Home.....230.00
Cemetery.....40.00
Christmas Offering.....90.00
Xmas flowers.....40.00
Total.....\$4163.00
Parish Hall update \$139,575.13



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

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

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 29
Octave of
Christmas
1 Jn 2:3–11
Lk 2:22–35
TUESDAY
December 30
Octave of
Christmas
1 Jn 2:12–17
Lk 2:36–40
WEDNESDAY
December 31
Octave of
Christmas
1 Jn 2:18–21
Jn 1:1–18
THURSDAY
January 1
Solemnity of
Mary, the Holy
Mother of God
Nm 6:22–27
Gal 4:4–7
Lk 2:16–21
FRIDAY
January 2
Sts. Basil the
Great and
Gregory
1 Jn 2:22–28
Jn 1:19–28
SATURDAY
January 3
Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 2:29–3:6
Jn 1:29–34
SUNDAY
January 4
The Epiphany
of the Lord
Is 60:1–6
Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6
Mt 2:1–12

Effingham Catholic Young Adults

JAN
13TH
@7PM

HOLY
HOUR
HAPPY
HOUR

Confession available

GroupMe

For
young
adults
ages
21-35

HOLY
HOUR
HAPPY
HOUR

7pm @ St. Anthony
101 E. Virginia Ave. Effingham
Evening Prayer (Vespers) @7:45p

HOLY
HOUR
HAPPY
HOUR

8pm @ The Office Pub
105 E. Jefferson Ave. Effingham

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 1000th Ave
Dieterich, IL

RSVP here
by 1/12:

World Marriage Day – Date Night Ideas, Couples Connection Plan, and more! The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 8) are an opportunity for you and your spouse to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Check out <https://www.marriageweek.org/> for more info!!

Sign up now for Illinois Pro-Life Mass and attend Illinois Pro-Life March afterward – On Thursday, March 19, The day begins with Mass at 10 a.m. at the Exposition Building on the grounds of the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki and concelebrated by bishops and priests from across the state. You must register for the Mass by going to dio.org. After the Mass, there is a rally at the capitol at 1 p.m. with guest speakers, and then a march around the capitol at 2 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also be going on at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from noon to 5 p.m. Confessions at the Cathedral will also be available from 1:30 – 5 p.m.

Pilgrimage to Poland with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki – Join Bishop Thomas John Paprocki and Father Jerome Koutnik on a 9-day pilgrimage to Poland, April 6–14, 2026, “In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II.” Highlights include visits to Krakow, Czestochowa, Zakopane, Auschwitz, Wieliczka, and Wadowice—the birthplace of St. John Paul II. The pilgrimage features daily Mass, first-class hotels, private luxury transportation, professional guides, and all admission fees. Cost: \$4,250 per person from Chicago, IL (includes round-trip airfare, taxes, meals, and more). For details or to register, visit pilgrimtravel.info.

† This symbol denotes-deceased.
Saturday, Dec. 27 – Deceased Members of the Bolton, Montello, Stump, Witken Families
Sunday, Dec. 28 – †Marita Kemme by Mardell Sheehan
Tuesday, Dec. 30 –
Wednesday, Dec. 31 -†John (Mike) Conder by Joe Kay Conder
Thursday, Jan. 1 – Holy Day- 8am -
Saturday, Jan. 3 - †Dorothy Ruholl
Sunday, Jan. 4 - Parishioners of St. Mary’s

Special Note-There will be no 8am mass on the following Wednesdays- Jan. 7 and Jan. 14. There will also be no adoration or mass on the following Tuesdays-Jan. 6 and Jan. 13.

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.

Happy Birthday

Timber Miller 12-30

Holiday Mass Schedule-
Solemnity of Mary
-vigil Dec. 31 - 5pm Green Creek
Jan. 1 - 8 am Shumway

Happy Anniversary

TOM & Sandy Laue 12-27-1975
50 years

Bible Study @ St. Mary’s, Shumway
“A Journey Through Church History.”
Next meeting Jan. 7, 2026

Our parish family
extends
its sympathies
to the Zacha family
on the passing of
Merita (Zacha) Elson.

May she rest in peace.

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

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.

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.

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



The Effingham Area Right to Life is hosting its 50th ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST on Sunday, January 18th from 7am-Noon. The event will be held at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall (210 Pearl St, Teutopolis, IL). Free-will donations will be accepted, and you'll enjoy whole hog sausage, eggs, pancakes, homemade breads, and drinks. There will be numerous basket raffles, quilt raffle, and a 50/50 drawing. EARTL is accepting donations of cinnamon rolls, breads, and muffins. These can be dropped off on Saturday, Jan. 17, from Noon-4pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. To volunteer for a shift, please text Susan Vogt at (217) 663-2084. For more information about the breakfast follow "Effingham Area Right to Life" on Facebook.

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.

**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.



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
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FAAAF23A4FBC16-61223714-directory>
If you need help getting signed up, please call Donna Davis @ 217-690-2640.

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 about ordering/prices please call Ja-Fa Photo @ 2178212751 ask for Jennifer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ---

We need greeters to help with paperwork the day of the photos. Shifts will be in 2-hour increments. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the back of church, or you may CONTACT DONNA DAVIS IF YOU have any questions 217-690-2640



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Sam Sheehan & Fred Flach
By Mardell Sheehan

Marita Kemme
By family

Karen Waldhoff, Mabel Harris & Jimmy Dicus
By Roy & Lisa Waldhoff

Jacob Laue
by his family

Harold & Mildred Koester and Norbert & Martha Schmidt

Daniel Zacha and Robert & Diane Wells

Viola & Cliffard McLaughlin and Wilma & Lloyd Spannagel
by Greg & Michelle Spannagel

Richard & Louella Roepke and Herbert & Vera Holland

Mike & Virginia Conder
by Joe & Kay Conder and George & Diana Conder

Frank & Florence Doedtman
and Bud & Norma Worman
by The Doedtman's

Deceased members of Montello, Bolton & Stump Families
by Jane Montello

Shannon Vonderheide by his family



Sr. Florentia Koelsch SSND,
Clarence & Teresa Worman
and David Worman
By Dan & Rita McKay Family and George & Diana Conder Family

Ross & Violet Pautler
and Trobia & Gladys Shadwell
by Duane & Joyce Shadwell

Larry Ferguson
and Clarence & Antonette Feldhake
by Kathy Ferguson

Shannon Vonderhiede by his Family

Margaret Reynolds
by Dan & Angela Woods

Ken & Linda Westjohn

Walter, Velma & Ed Kirchhofer and Eldon & Geneva Miller
and Don Miller and Joy Ann Garrison
by Jim & Mary Miller

Allie & Elizabeth Habing, Jim Antrim & Mabel Harris

Henry & Helen Vonderheide
and Ervin & Mildred Beitz
and Eli Vonderheide
by Charly & Rhonda Vonderheide

Several envelopes were turned in with no names. If this was unintended and you meant to dedicate your flowers, please contact Donna Davis. Also, if you wanted your name to appear as the one who dedicated the flowers and it was not listed, please contact Donna Davis.

