

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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Second Sunday of Advent-December 7, 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 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.

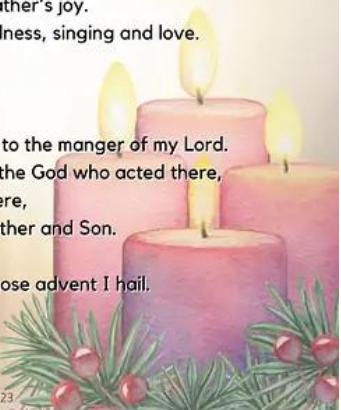
Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy.
I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

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



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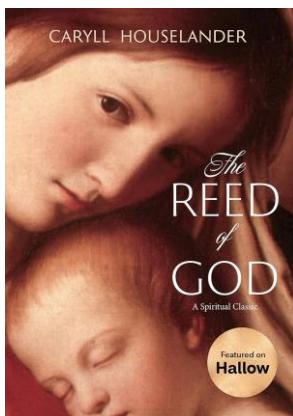
One of the books that I tend to re-read when Advent arrives each year is "The Reed of God" by Caryll Houselander. Caryll was born in England in 1901, and died in 1954, in England, so she lived through both World War I and World War II. Her mother became a Catholic when Caryll was a young girl, so Caryll referred to herself as a "Rocking horse Catholic" instead of a "Cradle Catholic." Caryll explored other faiths but came back to the church at the age of 24.

She wrote many works, including a book of meditations on the Stations of the Cross (another of my favorite writings of hers), and the book I mentioned earlier, "The Reed of God". The book concentrates on how Mary is truly the most relatable Saint, in part because we don't hear many of her words, but we always see her desiring to allow God to work in her life and through her. And, so, the book also reflects the impact of Jesus, not just on Mary's life, but on the world as well. The book helps us to understand that while each and every person's life looks different, God is able to be present in our lives, in the way that we are able to fill up in the way we need.

It truly is a beautiful read, and a helpful way to reflect on how I need to better prepare the way for the Lord in my life, especially around Advent.

So, while I would certainly recommend "The Reed of God" to any adult reader, particularly a Catholic if there's another book that you like to read during Advent (and listening to audiobooks counts too), that's wonderful as well.

Fr. Adam



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

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

Dear Padre December 7, 2025

Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a "golden ticket," or some kind of right that simply does not exist.

The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the "sin of Adam" and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality.

When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as "not one of us" simply has no place in the kingdom of God. • Fr. Thomas M. Santa, 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.....11-30-25

Adult.....	\$1301.00
Loose.....	264.00
Campaign Justice Hope....	630.00
Xmas flowers.....	170.00
<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total.....	\$265.00

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

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 8
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY
December 9
Advent Weekday
Is 40:1-11
Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY
December 10
Advent Weekday
Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY
December 11
Advent Weekday
Is 41:13-20
Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY
December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17
or Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab

Lk 1:26-38
or Lk 1:39-47
SATURDAY
December 13
St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
SUNDAY
December 14
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11



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



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 incorrupt. 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.

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.



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:



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.

Immaculate Conception-Holy Day

Green Creek – 6:30am

Shumway – 6:30pm

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

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



There will be no 4pm Adoration or 5:15pm Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Father Adam will be attending Fr. Daren Zehnle's funeral in Quincy.

[†] This symbol denotes-deceased.

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 – NO MASS OR ADORATION

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

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

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.

Offering Envelopes



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

Solemnity of Mary

-vigil Dec. 31 - 5pm Green Creek
Jan. 1 - 8 am Shumway**PRACTICE SINGING FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES-**
Tuesdays - Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16 ALL ARE WELCOME!!**Happy Birthday**Dorothy Hankins 12-6
Chad Kessler 12-6
Judy Zacha 12-6
Braxton Hoene 12-7
Hunter Brown 12-8

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.

SIGN UP

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.**SAVE the DATE**

We will be taking parish directory photos January 8, 9, and 10. Details in next weekend's bulletin on how to sign up.

A copy of the parish council meeting minutes can be found on the bulletin board.

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.

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

A BIG THANK YOU

to those who contributed to the Parish Hall Fund.

\$3,000 Anonymous donor

\$8,000 Anonymous donor

\$1,000 in memory of Norma Bloemer by family

SonRise Fridays – A New Day for MenSonRise Men's Breakfast invites all men to for a Hot Breakfast on Friday, December 12. Grow in fellowship and faith 6:15 AM – 7:30 AM, Friday, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham. That Man is You! this week continues with great hope and wisdom from St. John Paul II. The best days of Christianity and the family are in the future, not in the past! We are all called to be part of this New Springtime! Learn more at thatmanisyouth.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 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.

Annunciation Parish Council Meeting Minutes 12-3-25

Father Adam opened the meeting with prayer.

Those in attendance were Justin Miller, John Adams, Irene & Dennis Koester, Ed & Leslie Kemme, Dan Woods, Karen Kemme, Katrina Davis, and Donna Davis.

The past minutes were read.

Old/Continued Business

- Calendar Items
 - Parish Hall meeting will be Dec. 10 @ 6:30pm.
 - Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18. Masses will be at 6:30 am Green Creek and 6:30pm Shumway
 - Tuesday, Jan. 20 there will be a meeting of deanery priests held at Shumway.
- Fall Breakfast update- Katrina reported that around 155 people attended (not including the youth group and their parents). She said around \$1600 was made. She also said she was thinking about changing the time next year to 8am -Noon.
- Goal Drafting- Dan shared the draft of goals and there was discussion.
- Last month Fr. Adam introduced a new method for conducting the meetings with the use of an agenda. It was suggested that the process be explained. For those who have an item they feel needs to be discussed, the individual should contact Father Adam or a council member to be put on the agenda.

New Business

- Family Christmas Party is Dec. 7. 107 are signed up.
- Adult Christmas Party is Dec. 19 at A1. There is still time to sign up.
- New Envelopes/Method-A notice will be put in the bulletin that we will be using a new company and envelopes will now be mailed to every parishioner.

The next meeting will be on Wed. Feb. 4 @ 6:30pm. There will not be a meeting in January.

Council Members-

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Jesse Davis-217-821-2309
Kathy Adams-217-994-3144
Dennis Koester-217-821-2495
Larry Lieb-217-821-3306
Dan Woods-217-821-1495
Ed Kemme-217-821-3445

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Cemetery-John Adams 618-322-2874
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CCW-Dot Thomas 217-259-8560
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