

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

**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.

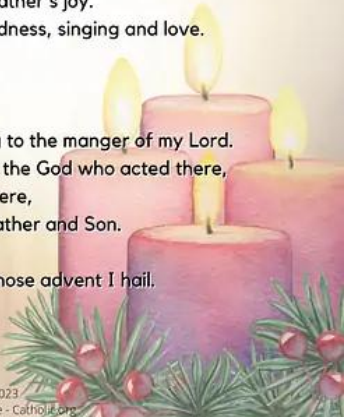
Come, long-expected Jesus.  
Excite in me a hunger for peace:  
peace in the world,  
peace in my home,  
peace in myself.

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



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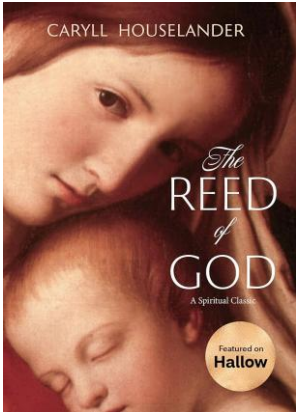
One of the books that I tend to re-read when Advent arrives each year is “The Reed of God” by Caryll Houselander. Caryll was born in England in 1901, and died in 1954, in England, so she lived through both World War I and World War II. Her mother became a Catholic when Caryll was a young girl, so Caryll 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	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 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

**Weekly Offering.....11-30-25**

Adult.....\$1301.00  
Loose..... 264.00  
Campaign Justice Hope....630.00  
Xmas flowers.....170.00  
Cemetery .....100.00  
**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



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

**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

For young adults ages 21-35

HOLY HOUR 7pm @ St. Francis Church 203 E. Main St. Teutopolis

HAPPY HOUR 8pm @ Kenters Tavern 109 E. Main St. Teutopolis

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:

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

First Known Incorrupt 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](https://www.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.

**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.

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

† 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.

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### 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



**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.

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.



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.

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

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

### 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 Men

SonRise 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 [thatmanisyou.com](http://thatmanisyou.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/diocesefspringfield](http://www.freewill.com/diocesefspringfield) 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—

Fr. Adam Prichard 217-740-7219  
Justin Miller-217-821-4549  
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

### Others you may contact with specific inquiries-

Secretary/Bulletin-Donna Davis 217-690-2640  
Bookkeeper-Karen Kemme 217-821-5738  
Maintenance-Josh Miller 217-663-2228  
Cemetery-John Adams 618-322-2874  
Families in Faith - Leslie Kemme-217-821-3399  
Youth Group-Katrina Davis 217-240-4291  
CCW-Dot Thomas 217-259-8560  
Music-Irene Koester 217-821-4595