

SAT 4pm	Jan. 3	Jan. 10	Jan. 17	Jan. 24	Jan. 31
Servers	Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Adeline Brown	Issac Wells Fred Dust Trey Brown	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown	Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Adeline Brown	Issac Wells Fred Dust Trey Brown
Lector	Mike Holland	Alaina Miller	Donna Davis	Sara Roepke	Doug Brown
Usher	Justin Miller Don Brown	Doug Brown Jason Wells	Mike Holland Justin Miller	Don Brown Doug Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland
Ministers of Holy Communion	Sara Roepke Don Brown Kathy Brown	Rosemary Holland Mike Holland Katrina Davis	Beth Spannagel Sara Roepke Don Brown	Kathy Brown Donna Davis Mike Holland	Rosemary Holland Katrina Davis Beth Spannagel
Gift Bearers	Jason Wells Family	Kathy Brown	Joe & Fred Dust	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family
SUN 8am	Jan. 4	Jan. 11 Families in Faith	Jan. 18	Jan. 25 Families in Faith	Feb. 1
Servers	Wade Conder Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder	Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene	Wylie Miller Daisy Miller Jacob Vonderheide	Wade Conder Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder	Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams
Ushers	Don Antrim Jason Vonderheide	Charly Vonderheide Larry Lieb	Jim Waldhoff Trevor Floyd	Dennis Koester Joe Conder	Shawn Buehler Gene Doedtman
Ministers of Holy Communion	Leslie Kemme Timber Miller Trevor Floyd	Vanessa Floyd Shawn Buehler Linda Doedtman	Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide Leslie Kemme	Shawn Buehler Trevor Floyd Vanessa Floyd	Timber Miller Linda Doedtman Lisa Thompson
Gift Bearers	Allen Geannine Kessler	Jim Mary Miller	John Karen Neu	Greg Michelle Spannagel	Justin Conder Family
Greeters	Larry Lieb	Don Marcella Antrim	George Diana Conder	Tom Helen Doedtman	Ed Leslie Kemme
Money Counters	Bales/Richards Hackman/Sheehan	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell	Hoene	Kemme Adams
WED. 8am Lectors	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18
	Alice Richards	Irene Koester	Linda Doedtman	Mike Holland	Alice Richards

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  
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The Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2026

**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

#### A Prayer for Strength and Peace (A Prayer Based on Psalm 29)

Lord, Your voice is powerful and strong.  
You guide us through the storms of life.  
Help us to hear You in the chaos,  
And trust that You are with us.  
When life feels overwhelming,  
And everything around us is shaking,  
Remind us that You are in control.  
Give us the courage to keep going.  
Lord, You bring peace after the storm.  
Calm our worries and fears.  
Help us to find rest in Your presence,  
And strength in Your love.  
Teach us to see You in the world around us.  
In the beauty of nature and the quiet moments, Let us recognize Your power and care.  
Fill our hearts with peace. We ask for Your blessing, Lord.  
Give us the strength we need each day. And grant us the peace that only You can give. We trust in You, now and always. Amen.



**January Committee:**  
Marcella Antrim, Rosemary Holland,  
Mary Miller, Jennifer Bales,  
Tricia Holland

**Psalm 29** -- It reminds us that God is powerful and in control, even when life feels chaotic. Just as the psalmist saw God's power in a storm, we can trust that God is with us in our challenges. He has the power to calm our fears and guide us through difficult times. This psalm also encourages us to recognize God's presence in the world around us. When we see the beauty of nature, we can remember that it reflects God's strength. His voice still speaks to us through creation, reminding us of His care for everything He has made. Finally, Psalm 29 invites us to seek peace from God. In a world full of stress and conflict, we can turn to God for the peace that only He can give. By trusting in His power and love, we can find the strength to face our problems and the peace to keep going.

One of the things that has seemed to grow throughout the years, particularly with the increase of social media, is the desire to claim that the timing of Liturgical celebrations, such as Christmas and Easter didn't actually happen at the time that we celebrate them. Instead, the claim is made, that Christians, at a some later date, appropriated December 25th, as well as the celebration of Easter, from pagan religions in order to divert people toward Christianity and away from their original religions. And of course, these posts are meant to undermine belief, and portray Christianity as an illegitimate, a false religion. It's also meant to plant and cultivate the seed of doubt within Christians, to say, "if your religious leaders are willing to lie and hide the truth about that, what else are they lying to you about?"

First, let's tackle Easter, which is actually a word from German. English developed out of a combination of German, French, and Latin (through French influences), with influences from a smattering of other languages. The Latin and Greek term for Easter is "Pascha", which is taken from the Hebrew term "pesach" or "Passover." The word Easter was only associated with the celebration of the Resurrection several centuries after the event and our celebrating it. So, this claim about Christians appropriating the term "Easter" and taking it from pagans is quite easily debunked.

As for the claim about the birth of Jesus "probably not even happening in December, let alone December 25th", also stealing that from pagan religions, can also be debunked, although we need to have a little more familiarity with the historical context leading up to the birth of Jesus. Thankfully, though, the writers of the Gospels, particularly Matthew, Mark, and Luke, were very attentive to their recent history. They document the political leaders of the time; they give us the fact that the angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah in the temple, in the Holy of Holies, which had a specific rotation attached to the calendar, and they give us context clues about shepherds watching by night, the fact that Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem for the census, and there are non-Scriptural accounts for when the census was initiated. So, this claim too can be addressed.

And while we don't read and delve into Scripture for the purpose of proving people wrong or being able to argue with people, when questions about "why do Catholics believe this" or claims that make the argument that Christianity is actually just a lie and has no basis in truth, being familiar with the Bible is helpful. So, what's the purpose of reading the Bible then? It helps us to grow in knowledge of God, drawing us deeper into a loving relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and guides us to a deeper love for our neighbor.

Fr. Adam

**PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!**



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

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

**Dear Padre** January 11, 2026

*Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.*

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. •Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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**Weekly Offering.....12-28-25.....1-1-26.....1-4-26**

Adult.....	\$2815.00.....	820.00.....	865.00
Solemnity of Mary.....			100.00
Loose.....	427.00.....	33.00.....	362.00
Catholic Children's Home.....	115.00		
Christmas Offering.....	70.00.....	125.00	
Cemetery.....			1000.00
Building Fund.....	5000.00		
Catholic Times.....		15.00	
First Offering.....		115.00.....	200.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$8427.00.....</b>	<b>1108.00.....</b>	<b>2527.00</b>

**Parish Hall update \$139,575.13**

**Masses \$30.00**

**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**

January 12

Weekday

1 Sm 1:1-8

Mk 1:14-20

**TUESDAY**

January 13

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

**WEDNESDAY**

January 14

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10,

19-20

Mk 1:29-39

**THURSDAY**

January 15

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

**FRIDAY**

January 16

Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7,

10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

**SATURDAY**

January 17

St. Anthony,

Abbot

1 Sm 9:1-4,

17-19; 10:1a

Mk 2:13-17

**SUNDAY**

January 18

Second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6

1 Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34

  Effingham Catholic Young Adults

**JAN 13TH @7PM**

# HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR





**For young adults ages 21-35**

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

**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 1000<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Dieterich, IL

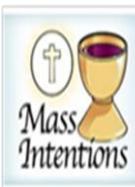
**RSVP here by 1/12:** 

**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](http://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](http://pilgrimtravel.info).

<sup>†</sup> This symbol denotes-deceased.



Saturday, Jan. 10 – +Marita Kemme by Family  
Sunday, Jan. 11 – +Dean Gengler by Family  
Saturday, Jan. 17 – Parishioners of St. Mary's  
Sunday, Jan. 18 – +Violet Pautler by Duane Joyce Shadwell  
Tuesday, Jan. 20 – +Sally Wakefield  
Wednesday, Jan. 21 – +Virginia Conder by Joe Kay Conder

**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.

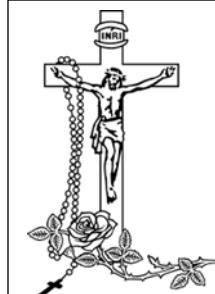
To schedule a mass intention please use a mass intention envelope. They are in the cry room in the “mailbox” outside the bathroom. There is also a calendar there with available dates. Drop your intention in the collection basket. If you have any questions, contact Donna Davis @1-844-536-6514.

**Families in Faith**  
**Jan. 11 and Jan. 25**

**Bible Study @ St. Mary's, Shumway**  
“*A Journey Through Church History.*”  
Every Wednesday in January.

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

1. Go to [Formed.org](http://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



*Our parish family extends its sympathies to Allen & Gearmine and Tim & Patty Kessler families on the passing of their brother, Brad Kessler.*

*May he rest in peace.*



## Unable to get your photo taken?

If you were unable to make directory photo shoot and would like to have your picture included in the directory, please submit a photo ASAP. You can email it [stmarysshumway@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysshumway@gmail.com) or text it to 217-690-2640.

### Calling All Men – SonRise prayer group

Join men from over half a dozen Churches for Hot Breakfast on Friday, January 16, 6:15 AM, prayer, program and discussion from 6:30 – 7:30 AM, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham. In the program from That Man Is You, this week, Jeff Joaquin shares a comprehensive story of conversion - this personal Prodigal Son story and pathway back to the merciful embrace of the Father. No cost or registration needed.

### 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](mailto:events@dio.org). Register at: [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events)



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

### Mass for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and Deanery Pro-life Meeting – St. Francis Church

in Teutopolis will host a pro-life Mass at 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 22. The U.S. Bishops ask that January 22 be a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. A pro-life Rosary will begin at 6:00 PM prior to Mass. Following Mass, the Deanery Pro-life Meeting will be held in St. Clare Hall, adjoining the church. Pro-life events and issues will be discussed and refreshments will be served.

**Millions of Monica Prayer group** will meet January 19th from 6-7pm @ Sacred Heart Parish in Effingham. We invites all mothers to come pray with us. This is a group of mothers, grandmothers, aunts and godmothers coming together to lift up their children (of all ages) in prayer. Following St. Monica's example of patience and perseverance, we pray for the joyful return of our children to full unity with the Catholic Church. For more information, visit [www.millionsofmonicas.com](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com)

### 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.

**"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen."**

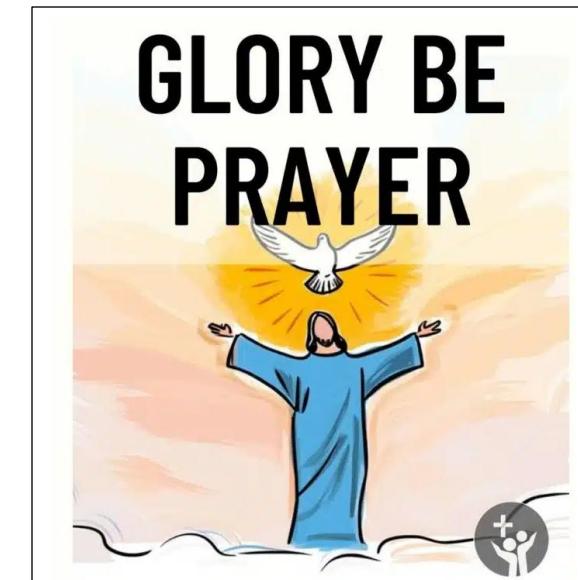
The Glory Be is a short and simple prayer. Catholics use it often in both private and public prayer. It gives praise to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This prayer is a way to show love and honor to the Holy Trinity.

You will hear this prayer during the Rosary, in the Liturgy of the Hours, and at many other times in Catholic life. Many people use it at the beginning or end of prayer. It reminds us who God is and helps us focus our minds and hearts on Him.

The Glory Be is a reminder that God is with us in every moment. It tells us that God was there at the beginning, is with us now, and will always be. These words help bring peace and trust, especially during hard times. The prayer is short, but it says a lot about our faith.

This prayer also connects us to the whole Church. Catholics around the world pray these same words. When we say the Glory Be, we join in the prayer of the Church across time and space. It helps us stay close to God and to each other.

The Glory Be is one of the oldest prayers in the Church. Christians have been praying it for many centuries. It is sometimes called the "Doxology," which means a short prayer that gives glory to God. Early Christians used this type of prayer when they gathered to worship, especially when reading from Scripture or singing psalms.



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