

SAT 4pm	Jan. 31	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28
Servers	Issac Wells Fred Dust Trey Brown	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown	Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Adeline Brown	Issac Wells Fred Dust Trey Brown	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown
Lector	Doug Brown	Katrina Davis	Christy Brown	Mike Holland	Alaina Miller
Usher	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Justin Miller Don Brown	Doug Brown Jason Wells	Mike Holland Justin Miller	Don Brown Doug Brown
Ministers of Holy Communion	Rosemary Holland Katrina Davis Beth Spannagel	Sara Roepke Don Brown Kathy Brown	Rosemary Holland Mike Holland Katrina Davis	Donna Davis Beth Spannagel Sara Roepke	Don Brown Kathy Brown Donna Davis
Gift Bearers	Doug Brown Family	Jesse Davis Family	Jason Wells Family	Kathy Brown	Fred & Joe Dust
SUN 8am	Feb. 1	Feb. 8 Families in Faith	Feb. 15	Feb. 22 Families in Faith	March 1
Servers	Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene	Wylie Miller Daisy Miller Jacob Vonderheide	Wade Conder Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder	Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene	Wylie Miller Daisy Miller Jacob Vonderheide
Lector	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene
Ushers	Shawn Buehler Gene Doedtman	Tom Doedtman Josh Miller	Justin Conder John Neu	Don Antrim Jason Vonderheide	Charley Vonderheide Larry Lieb
Ministers of Holy Communion	Timber Miller Linda Doedtman Lisa Thompson	Barb Vonderheide Leslie Kemme Trevor Floyd	Vanessa Floyd Shawn Buehler Linda Doedtman	Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide Leslie Kemme	Timber Miller Trevor Floyd Vanessa Floyd
Gift Bearers	Justin Conder Family	Deb Stremming	Wanda Ohnesorge	Lisa Thompson	Rodney Hoene Family
Greeters	Ed Leslie Kemme	John Karen Neu	Rodney Hoene Family	Charley Rhonda Vonderheide	Barb Vonderheide
Money Counters	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Hackman Sheehan	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell	Hoene
WED. 8am Lectors	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	March 4
	Linda Doedtman	Mike Holland	Alice Richards	Irene Koester	Linda Doedtman

Please remember to sign in in the sacristy before mass so we know all ministries are covered.

If anyone would be interested in being a **money counter**, please contact Fr. Adam or Donna Davis.

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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4th Sunday of Ordinary Time February 1, 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

February Committee:
Katrina Davis, Theresa Roley,
Kara Brown, Jamie Brown,
Christy Brown, Donna Davis,
Kathy Brown, Betty Gengler

ATTENTION!
WE HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!!!!
See above for address info.

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God, and learn how to connect with God and with others. The family is where love is freely given without self-interest. It is where we learn to love, to pray and to practice the gift of charity. Pope John Paul II has said, "The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self" (Nov. 27, 2002).

We should ask ourselves if our own families model that of the Holy Family. We need to be open to God's grace to value the positive and to accept our mistakes — and to be willing to rectify them. Parenting is a very challenging responsibility and at times errors are made despite the best intentions. Recognizing this, children should trust their parents and never forget that parents want only what is best for them.

Which leads us to what may be the most important family virtue — forgiveness. Living so intimately within the family nucleus naturally gives rise to unpleasant situations where someone is apt to be offended. St. Paul knew this when he told us to "bear with and forgive one another." The health of our family may depend on how quickly we learn to forgive without harboring feelings of resentment.

No family can thrive and grow without constant work. Even the material details that take time and effort are essential to keeping the family strong. Everyone has to pull — even to the point of putting ahead of our own needs and ambitions the happiness of other family members, setting aside our own selfish desires.



It is also important to pray as a family, especially the holy rosary. Prayer will help us to intensify our closeness with each other and to learn to forgive.

Most of us like victory, to win. We like the feeling of conquering our enemies, there's a thrill, a satisfaction in doing so. Sometimes our "enemy" is a personal record in weightlifting, medaling in other sports, having the accomplishment of finishing a race, solving a difficult problem that others haven't been able to solve on their own, or being able to say that our team is the champions of the tournament, or of the year.

And it's a wonderful thing to experience joy, to feel satisfaction, to have a sense of accomplishment. After all, our lives aren't meant to be miserable. Our lives aren't meant to be empty of happiness. Is it healthy to invest our entire identity in winning and conquering others throughout our lives, though? It wouldn't seem so, for multiple reasons. The core reason is that, in a very real way, we will lose sight of the dignity of all human life. Not just others, but also the dignity of our own life. Our value does not rely on having the most Accelerated Reader points in our class, or having our artwork hanging in a museum, or being the best libero in the state, or even making it to the Olympics. All of those are wonderful things, and I thoroughly enjoy reading, viewing art, watching volleyball, watching the Olympics, and many other things. I find value in them. But the value of the person involved in whatever way doesn't lay in how skilled and talented they are in those fields. Instead, their value, my own value, lies in the fact that I, you, everyone has been created in the image and likeness of God.

Do people always live in a way, in a manner, that recognizes their value, their dignity? Unfortunately, not, including myself. But even when, perhaps especially when, others aren't living in a manner that recognizes their own, or the dignity of others, it is all that more important to treat everyone with dignity. That doesn't mean affirming all of their beliefs or all of their actions; it doesn't mean that there are or should be no consequences for what people do. But it does mean that we are to treat others with respect, and advocate for the humane treatment of people. Has the person committed criminal acts, repeatedly? It is appropriate to put them on trial and have an appropriate sentence. Do I have a low opinion of police officers because I secretly believe that they're trying to catch me speeding and pull me over every chance I get? Or have some officers of the law been corrupt and abuse their power? They too should have the appropriate punishment. But not every person of a particular race or nationality is a criminal. Not every police officer is out to get me. Do I trust every (or any) politician of any political party? Whether I do or don't, I still need to understand that they too are created in the image and likeness of God. From the moment of conception, a person is a person and has inherent dignity that never is diminished, even if he or she doesn't recognize it. If I don't treat others with dignity, with a desire to be the light of Christ to them, I am failing in the mission that Jesus Christ entrusts to all the Baptized. May we recognize the image and likeness of God in all people, including ourselves.

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!



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| Elsie McKay | Hans Kollinger | Steve Moore |
| Roger Thomas | Kathy Miller | Pat Kuhns |
| Ron Harris | David Brown | Bill Hamilton |
| Lottie McCormick | Kathy | Christie Dust |
| Kenny Hille | 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 | | |
| Jerry Worman | | |
| Mardell Sheehan | | |

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

Dear Padre February 1, 2026

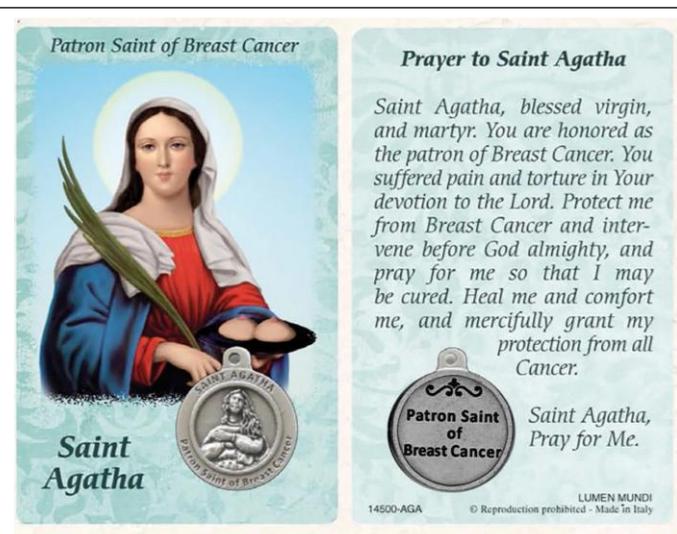
I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of "pray, pay, and obey" were over.

The Code of Canon Law identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that the pastor will engage in pastoral care "with the assistance of lay members of Christ's faithful" (CCL 519).

The intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the "knowledge, prudence, and integrity" of every member (CCL 228, §2). Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of goodwill. (See Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone take a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, "Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?" If honest and prayerful reflection reveals less-than-good intentions, now is the time for an attitude change and to acknowledge that a new start is needed. ●Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR /

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Feast Day Feb. 5

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
February 2
The Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32
TUESDAY
February 3
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3
Mk 5:21-43
WEDNESDAY
February 4
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17
Mk 6:1-6
THURSDAY
February 5
St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12
Mk 6:7-13
FRIDAY
February 6
St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Sir 47:2-11
Mk 6:14-29
SATURDAY
February 7
1 Kgs 3:4-13
Mk 6:30-34
SUNDAY
February 8
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10, 1 Cor 2:1-5. Mt 5:13-16

SDCCW Lenten Retreat: Heaven Meets Earth – A Journey through the Holy Mass – Step away from the busyness of life and enter more deeply into the mystery of the Holy Mass at the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women’s Lenten Retreat, “Heaven Meets Earth: A Journey through the Holy Mass,” held February 24–25 at Villa Maria Conference Center on Lake Springfield. Led by retreat director Sr. Margaret Schreiber, OP, PhD, this retreat offers spiritual presentations, prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, fellowship, and time for quiet reflection. All women are welcome—bring your sister, your mom, or a friend. Registration forms with the cost and further information are available in your parish office or at dio.org/events. Deadline to register is February 14. For more information, contact Mary Ann Sullivan at 217-822-1928 or Janet Zimmerman at 217-494-4743, and watch for updates on the SDCCW Facebook page.

World Youth Day Registration Extended - Registration for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea with the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has been extended to May 15. The pilgrimage will include visits to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day, Busan, South Korea to see the Catholic sites there, and we will visit Catholic Japan in Nagasaki. It will be an exciting trip! Register here. If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Holtgrave at kholtgrave@dio.org or Fr. Zach Samples at zsamples@dio.org.

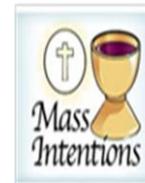


EVERY weekend, we will be collecting food for local food pantries. You can find the donation tote in the cry room.

Sign up now for Illinois Pro-Life Mass and attend Illinois Pro-Life March afterward – On Thursday, March 19, deadline MARCH 2, 2026 to ride the bus
 Leave Effingham Event Center 7:30am on charter bus, \$20 each. Mass with Bishop Paprocki 10am at Sangamon Auditorium. Eat your sack lunch, 12noon Rally, Speakers, March at the Capitol
 3 pm depart for Effingham 5pm arrive at Effingham Event Center
 Registration papers on the bulletin board. For questions call bus captain Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056 or email at dcruholl@hotmail.com

You are invited to **Lenten Day of Recollection in Springfield** – Through conferences and personal prayer time, this Lenten Day of Reflection on Sunday, March 22 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center on Lake Springfield will help you to contemplate on and to experience more deeply the infinite and tender love of Christ for all of humanity. It will also help you prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Arrival is at 2 p.m., and it concludes at 7 p.m. The day includes conferences, adoration, time for prayer, the Rosary, confession, and dinner. The cost is \$25. Register by March 15 at dio.org/events.

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, Jan. 31 →Merita Elson by Kathy Ferguson
 Sunday, Feb. 1 – Parishioner of St. Mary’s
 Tuesday, Feb. 3- +Sally Wakefield by Steve & Sharon Moore
 Wednesday, Feb. 4 - +Sylvester Zerrusen by Joe Kay Conder
 Saturday, Feb. 7 - +Howard Rentfrow by Charley Rhonda Vonderheide
 Sunday, Feb. 8 - +Dan Doedtman and +Ron Kabbes by George Diana Conder
 Tuesday, Feb. 10 – +Louis Tegeler by family
 Wednesday, Feb. 11 - +Alfred Wernsing by Alice Richards

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



Daisy Miller 1-31
 Tryston Brown 1-31
 Stephanie Moore 1-31
 Jamie Vonderheide 2-1
 Jesse Niebrugge 2-1
 Sandy Laue 2-3
 Steve Moore 2-4
 Evan Pape 2-5
 Isaac Pruemmer 2-6

**Families in Faith
 Next classes Feb. 8 and Feb. 22**



All 7-12 graders are welcome to join us this Sunday, Feb. 1 from 6-7:30pm in the church basement.

Happy Anniversary

Greg & Michelle Spannagel 2-5-1977
 49 years

Bible Study @ St. Mary’s, Shumway
 “A Journey Through Church History.”
 Next Meetings Feb. 11 and Feb. 25 @6:30pm

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to Pray for the Protection of All Life** at Sacred Heart church in Lillyville on Tuesday February 17th. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr Hyland Smith will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm Mass. A business meeting will follow in the parish hall with refreshments being served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

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



Unable to get your photo taken?

You will have another opportunity to get your picture taken.

Thursday, Feb. 5 4-9pm

Use the link below to sign up online or call Donna Davis.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FAAAF23A4FBC16-61725793-directory>



If you are unable to make the second chance directory photo shoot and would like to have your picture included in the directory, please submit a photo by **Thursday, Feb. 5.**

You can email it to stmarysshumway@gmail.com or text it to 217-690-2640.

SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast –

Take advantage of SonRise to support you as you prepare for your Lenten journey. **A Heart Enslaved by the Flesh (with Michael Gormley) this Friday.**

This week will look into one of the temptations of Satan – the Flesh. We will make an honest assessment of one of the greatest moral issues that modern man faces today – pornography. It will note the explosion of pornography over the past 40 years.

This session will offer steps to real purity and promises to be enlightening for all.

All men are welcome for Hot Breakfast this Friday, Feb. 6, 6:15 AM, prayer, program and discussion from 6:30 – 7:30 AM, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham.

More info: contact Dan Woods danwoodsface@gmail.com

NEWMAN BREAKFAST

FEBRUARY 1, 2026
7:00 A.M.-NOON
Teutopolis Banquet Hall

MENU INCLUDES:
Fried & scrambled eggs, whole hog sausage, biscuits & gravy, hashbrowns, french toast sticks, cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice & milk

Country store & raffle too!

ADULTS: \$10
KIDS 12 & UNDER: \$7
KIDS 3 & UNDER: FREE
(Carry outs available)

COUNTRY *Stores* NEWMAN *CONNECTION*

Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL will be hosting a conference on February 20-22. Join us for this upcoming retreat titled "Self-Deliverance, Spiritual Warfare, and the Military Mindset". In this conference you will be equipped for spiritual battle by two Catholic veterans and spiritual warriors, Dr. Dan Schneider, who is a member of Fr. Chad Ripperger's exorcism team and Jason Henderson who uses his combat experience to train Catholics in spiritual warfare. Also Fr. Augustine Puchner of the Norbertines, will be giving a talk and having Mass for us each day. Please go to osmm.org to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. The cost is \$100 to attend. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.

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!!

St. Isidore Youth Ministry Soup Supper & Eucharistic Day of Prayer

The St. Isidore Youth Ministry will be hosting its annual soup supper in conjunction with the Eucharistic Day of Prayer on Sunday, February 15th. Soup, sandwiches and dessert will be served from 4-7pm in the St. Aloysius Hall. We will also be having a basket raffle.

St. Clare Catholic Church in Altamont, IL will be hosting a Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, February 15, 2026 from 7:30 am until 12:00 pm. The menu includes sausage patties, ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, sweet rolls, sweet breads, milk, juice and coffee. St. Clare is located at 216 N. 9th Street, Altamont, IL 62411. Free will donation will be accepted.

Walking with You through Infertility – We want you to know that you are not alone. Carrying a cross in a desert valley can seem very lonely at times, but sometimes, just around a corner, there is someone who really cares and wants to accompany you. Seasons of infertility and loss come to many couples, who do not take lightly the gifts of life and love. Springs of life and hope and love can be found, even in the difficult paths couples find themselves trying to navigate. To learn more, please go to springsinthedesert.org or contact Gracie Ortiz at the Diocese of Springfield gortiz@dio.org or 217-321-1124.

Women's faith, wine, and chocolate night – Women of the diocese are invited to a beautiful evening of prayer, fellowship, and faith on Wednesday, March 25, at the Villa Maira Retreat Center on Lake Springfield in celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation. The night begins with Mass at 6 p.m., honoring Mary's joyful "yes" to God, followed by a relaxed and meaningful gathering featuring wine, chocolate (Lenten penances are not obligatory on solemnities), and guided discussion. The night ends at 9 p.m. Together, we will reflect on what it means to live as women after the model of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, growing in friendship with Christ, Our Lady, and one another. The cost is \$10. Registration deadline is March 20. Go to dio.org/events to register.

Upcoming Decolores Weekends—

Men's Weekend: March 12-15; Lay Leader: Gene Niemerg. Call or Text him at 217-240-4365
Women's Weekend: March 19-22; Lay Leader: Pat Thompson. Call or Text her at 217-246-2150
Or email Effingham DeColores: effdecolores@gmail.com

Parishioners, did you receive the call from the church last weekend about Sunday Mass being canceled?



If you did not, please contact Donna Davis. d.davis@stmarysshumway.org or 1-844-536-6514.