

SAT 4pm	Feb. 28	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
Servers	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown	Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Adeline Brown	Issac Wells Fred Dust Trey Brown	Issac Wells Fred Dust Trey Brown	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown
Lector	Alaina Miller	Donna Davis	Sara Roepke	Doug Brown	Christy Brown
Usher	Don Brown Doug Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Justin Miller Don Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Doug Brown Justin Miller
Ministers of Holy Communion	Don Brown Kathy Brown Donna Davis	Rosemary Holland Mike Holland Katrina Davis	Don Brown Beth Spannagel Sara Roepke	Donna Davis Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland	Mike Holland Sara Roepke Don Brown
Gift Bearers	Fred & Joe Dust	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family	Jesse Davis Family	Jason Wells Family
SUN 8am	March 1	March 8 Families in Faith	March 15	March 22 Families in Faith	March 29 Families in Faith
Servers	Wylie Miller Daisy Miller Jacob Vonderheide	Wade Conder Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder	Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene	Wylie Miller Daisy Miller Jacob Vonderheide	Wade Conder Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder
Lector	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson
Ushers	Jim Vonderheide Trevor Floyd	Dennis Koester Shawn Buehler	Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman	Josh Miller Justin Conder	John Neu Don Antrim
Ministers of Holy Communion	Timber Miller Trevor Floyd Vanessa Floyd	Shawn Buehler Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide	Lisa Thompson Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Shawn Buehler Trevor Floyd Vanessa Floyd	Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide Leslie Kemme
Gift Bearers	Rodney Hoene Family	Charley Rhonda Vonderheide	Jim Marylou Vonderheide	Dan Angela Woods	Barb Vonderheide
Greeters	Barb Vonderheide	Jason Pruemmer Family	Larry Lieb	Don Marcella Antrim	George Diana Conder
Money Counters	Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Hackman Sheehan	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell
WED. 8am Lectors	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25	April 1
	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.

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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Annunciation Church of B.V.M.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Shumway, IL

Fr. Adam Prichard, Pastor

aprichard@dio.org

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2nd Sunday of Lent—March 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

March Committee:

Wanda Ohnesorge,
Vanessa Kessler, Patty Kessler,
Alice Richards, Irene Koester

The 2nd Sunday of Lent invites us to reflect on faith, trust, and the glory of Jesus. The readings show how God calls His people to step forward in faith, even when the path is unclear. Abram leaves his home, trusting in God's promise. The disciples see Jesus in glory and hear God's voice telling them to listen to Him. These moments remind us that faith is a journey, filled with both challenges and glimpses of hope. As we walk through Lent, we are called to trust in God, listen to Jesus, and prepare our hearts for new life in Him.

The Transfiguration in the Gospel points to something greater. When Jesus appears in shining glory, it is a sign of what is to come. His suffering and death are not the end. There is a future beyond the cross.

Our own faith journey is also filled with struggles. We may go through times of doubt, fear, or suffering. The Transfiguration reminds us that there is more to the story. Just as Jesus rose from the dead, we are called to a new life with Him. The 2nd Sunday of Lent encourages us to hold onto hope. Jesus leads us through suffering to something greater. Lent is a time to prepare our hearts for Easter, remembering that no matter what we face, God's plan leads to new life.

Reflection Questions for the 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

- What does Abram's journey teach us about trusting God?
- How can we listen to Jesus more in our daily lives?
- What holds us back from stepping forward in faith?
- How do we experience glimpses of God's presence?
- Why did Jesus show His glory to Peter, James, and John?
- How does the Transfiguration give us hope for the future?
- What can we learn from Paul's encouragement to Timothy?
- How can Lent help us grow in trust and faith?
- What is one way we can respond to God's call this week?

<https://young-catholics.com/2423/2nd-sunday-of-lent-year-a/>

One of the things that has been rolling around since the 1st Reading for the 1st Sunday of Lent is how we've turned the story of Adam and Eve into a kind of tale that we water down and tell kids. From how we turn the serpent into just an image of a small snake. Sure, the serpent was cunning, the most cunning of all creatures, but other than that? Not at all dangerous at all. "It's more scared of you than you are of it." Well, the word that is used for "serpent" in Hebrew, is "Nahash", which is actually connected to a reptile-looking shining angelic being. And Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 11:14, "Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. And John, in Revelation, speaks of "a great fiery red dragon (12:3) and "the great dragon...that ancient serpent, called the devil, or Satan." (12:9). According to an ancient Jewish tradition, the Nahash, the serpent, of Genesis was a radiant, upright, possibly winged being.

When people are faced with angels in Scripture, what are they told, "Do not be afraid." So, in the presence of an angelic being, people are going to be terrified. When confronted by the serpent in the Garden of Eden, Eve, and Adam who was with her, were very likely frightened. The serpent essentially ambushed them, they were afraid of future encounters, and so instead of calling on the Lord in their need, they tried to appease the serpent to avoid further encounters. And because they didn't place their trust in God, they chose what they believed was the easy way out.

The account of Genesis becomes more immediate when we understand, "Oh, this serpent is terrifying, and Adam and Eve are probably trying to get out of this situation as soon as possible. It becomes more difficult to trust in God when we allow our fear to take hold." Throughout the Bible, we see people make choices that boil down to, "I am going to place my trust in God" or "I am not going to place my trust in God." Both choices are made by the same exact people, at different times. It can be so much more difficult to place our trust in God when we are afraid. But I think one of the things that we can take from Scripture, is similar to what GK Chesterton wrote about the fairy tale, "Fairy tales do not give the child his first idea of bogey. What fairy tales give the child is his first clear idea of the possible defeat of bogey. The baby has known the dragon intimately ever since he had an imagination. What the fairy tale provides for him is a St. George to kill the dragon." (Tremendous Trifles). Similarly, we know the existence of evil, even without Scripture. What Scripture tells us is that God exists, He loves us, He is our help, our hope, and our salvation. And though we encounter evil and difficulties, we do not need to fear. He is at our side. So, as we walk through Lent, and through our lives, let us place our trust in God, not allowing fear to dictate our decisions.

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!



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

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

Dear Padre March 1, 2026

I've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?

I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time.

The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior.

There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God.

All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you.

They might be praying for you! •Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Weekly Offering..... Feb. 22, 2026

- Adult.....\$1955.00
- Loose..... 143.00
- Catholic Times.....15.00
- East/Central Europe.....165.00
- Total.....\$2298.00**
- Parish Hall update \$156,843.47**



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

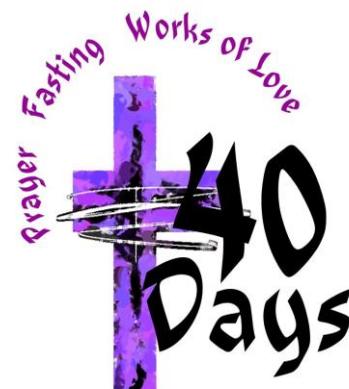
please call 1-844-536-6514.

Cemetery Committee

- John Adams 618-322-2874
- Matt Childerson 217-254-5896
- Daphne Hoffman 217-821-7268

Funeral Meal Coordinators

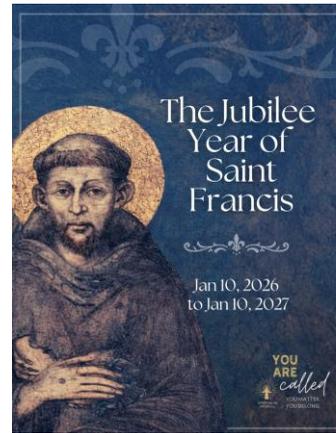
- Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399
- Dot Thomas 217-259-8560



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**
- MARCH 2
- Lenten Weekday
- Dn 9:4b–10
- Lk 6:36–38
- TUESDAY**
- MARCH 3
- Lenten Weekday
- Is 1:10, 16–20
- Mt 23:1–12
- WEDNESDAY**
- MARCH 4
- Lenten Weekday
- Jer 18:18–20
- Mt 20:17–28
- THURSDAY**
- MARCH 5
- Lenten Weekday
- Jer 17:5–10
- Lk 16:19–31
- FRIDAY**
- MARCH 6
- Lenten Weekday
- Gn 37:3–4,
- 12–13a, 17b–28a
- Mt 21:33–43,
- 45–46
- SATURDAY**
- MARCH 7
- Lenten Weekday
- Mi 7:14–15,
- 18–20
- Lk 15:1–3, 11–32
- SUNDAY**
- MARCH 8
- Third Sunday
- of Lent
- Ex 17:3–7
- Rom 5:1–2, 5–8
- Jn 4:5–42 or
- 4:5–15, 19b–26,
- 39a, 40–42

Several churches in diocese available for Special Year of St. Francis pilgrimage so you can receive indulgence – Pope Leo XIV declared a Special Year of St. Francis to mark the 800th anniversary of his death, running until January 2027. During this time, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting Franciscan churches or praying spiritually if unable to travel, following the usual conditions of going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying for the pope’s intentions (e.g., one Our Father and Hail Mary). For example, in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, one can make a pilgrimage to St. Francis of Assisi Church in Teutopolis, St. Francis of Assisi Church in Springfield, or St. Francis Adoration Chapel in Alton (home of the Sisters of St. Francis of Martyr St. George).



Effingham Catholic Young Adults

March 10th @ 7pm

HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR

for young adults 21-35

Confession available

7pm @ St. Aloysius
19812 E 1000th Ave, Dieterich

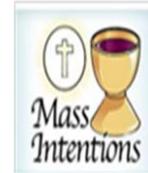
8pm @ The Railyard
202 W Center St, Dieterich

QR code and GroupMe link

Looking for fun ways to engage your kids on Sundays?
At 52sundays.com, you will find:
“Time to Chat” everyday questions that relate to fun short bios of 129 saints
Fun recipes to make together like “St. Kateri Corn Bread” and “Mini Shepherd’s Pot Pies”
Activities, Prayers, and Family Challenges related to each Sunday’s readings
Any questions? Contact Gracie with the Office of Marriage and Family Life 217-321-1124 gortiz@dio.org



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.



† This symbol denotes-deceased.

Saturday, Feb. 28- +Joseph Willenborg by his daughters
Sunday, March 1 – Parishioners of Annunciation Parish-St. Mary’s
Tuesday, March 3- +Sally Wakefield by Tim & Deborah Thoele
Wednesday, March 4 – +Nancy Sargent by SSND Associates
Saturday, March 7 - +Bernard Ruholl
Sunday, March 8 - +Richard Runde by George Diana Conder
Tuesday, March 10 – +Mary Ann Richy by Teresa Tegeler
Wednesday, March 11 - +Della 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



Connor Manhart 2-28
Kristen Buehler 3-1
Beth Spannagel 3-3
Jack Holland 3-6

Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life

St. Michael's church in Sigel
Tuesday March 24th.
Rosary 6:00 pm.
Fr Hyland Smith will celebrate
Mass @ 6:30 pm.
A business meeting will follow in the school gym.

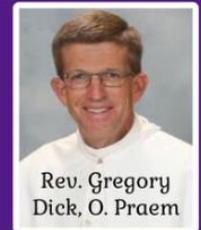
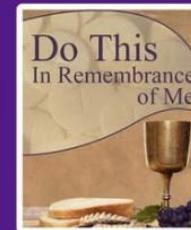
Families in Faith
Next classes March 8, 22, 29

CCW Meeting will be Tuesday, March 3 @ 6:30pm. We would like the March committee to please attend. All women of the parish are invited to the

Bible Study @ St. Mary’s, Shumway
“A Journey Through Church History.”

Next Meetings @ 6:30pm
Thurs. March 5
Wed. March 11 & 18
Thurs. March 26
Mon. March 30
Wed. April 8

SonRise Men’s Breakfast – Practice of the Presence of God! This week we at SonRise we’ll try to identify the most important exercise in the spiritual life. We will also see how and where this exercise becomes a reality. This week promises to be both practical and challenging. Please join us! All men are welcomed. Come for Hot Breakfast on Friday, March 6, 6:15 AM, prayer, program and discussion from 6:30 – 7:30 AM, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham.



Lenten Reflection: Growing in Discipleship
6:30 PM, Tuesday, March 3, 2026
Immaculate Conception Church, Mattoon

All are encouraged to attend
Rev. Gregory Dick, Norbertine priest
from the Corpus Christi Priory in
Springfield, for his presentation of:

“Do This in Remembrance of Me:
Learning from the Mass how to live the Gospel”

LENTEN Schedule

Stations of the Cross **every Friday** @ 6:30pm

Adoration/Penance Service – Tuesday, March 24 @ 5-7pm (no mass)

Chrism Mass – Tues. March 31 Springfield @ 6:30pm

Wed. April 1 – normal 8 am Mass

Holy Thursday – April 2 -Shumway @5:30pm

Good Friday – April 3 – Green Creek @ 5:30pm

Easter Vigil – Holy Saturday – April 4- Shumway @ 8:00pm

Easter Sunday – April 5 – 8 am Shumway
10 am Green Creek

What Really Happens at Mass movie – The Real Presence: The Mass is a 28-minute film that reveals the unseen spiritual world of the Catholic Mass through a combination of beautiful liturgical imagery and artistic augmented reality. At the heart of the film is the belief that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist—not symbolically, but in reality. With alarming statistics showing that many Catholics no longer believe in this foundational truth, the film seeks to reawaken faith and offer compelling insights into what the Church teaches about the Real Presence. Watch for free: therealpresence.com.

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



Wednesday, March 25

We will celebrate our Feast Day with Mass at 6pm followed by a meal.

WINDOW TO THE WOMB IN EFFINGHAM

The Family Life Center is once again partnering with HSHS and St Anthony High School to offer juniors the opportunity to view a live ultrasound of a baby in the womb. We are seeking 5 pregnant women to participate. This will take place on March 27th at the Family Life Center in Effingham. The moms can expect this to take about an hour of their time.

WINDOW TO THE WOMB IN NEWTON

Family Life Center is once again inviting students from St. Thomas the Apostle School and Newton Community High School to view a live ultrasound of a baby in the womb. We are looking for 4 pregnant moms to participate. This will take place on April 24th at the Family Life Center in Newton. The moms can expect this to take about an hour of their time

Do you know anyone that might be interested? Have them contact Allison Runyon at 217-342-5433 or by email at rn@familylifepcc.org

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.

...SAVE THE DATE...

**Mattoon Deanery
Council of Catholic Women Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2026**

"Ladies' Day Out, Irish Style"

**Immaculate Conception, Mattoon
320 N 21st Street; Mattoon
Furthering faith and family,
featuring fun, food and fellowship**

*****NOTICE TIME CHANGE*****

**9:30 – 10:15 Registration; 10:30 Mass
Lunch, Meeting and Drawings to follow**

**Guest Speaker: Fr. R. Dean Probst
"Stories of Travels with Fr. Dean"**

(NOTICE: 50/50 Raffle replaces white elephant gift)

Wear Green – get 1 ticket Bring a new friend – get 5 tickets



The El Shaddai Maternity Home in Effingham recently had a bad flood when frozen sprinkler pipes burst. It damaged their west wing, living room, and food pantry. All contents of the pantry had to be thrown away.

If you're able to help, they are asking for financial donations to help pay the \$5,000 deductible for their insurance. You can make a donation online at <https://elshaddaihomes.com/> or mail a check to:

El Shaddai Homes
505 W. Temple Ave.
PO Box 6065
Effingham, IL 62401

- Detailed list of needs
- Coffee
 - Creamer
 - Flour
 - Sugar
 - Hamburger helper
 - Tuna helper
 - Tuna
 - Sloppy Joe mix
 - Noodles of every kind
 - Spaghetti sauce
 - Chilli beans
 - Tomato sauce and juice
 - Canned vegs
 - Crackers
 - Ketchup
 - Mustard
 - Mayo
 - Peanut Butter
 - Jelly
 - Cake and brownie mix's
 - Baby formula -Similac and Enfamil
 - Snacks
 - Thank you!!!

They're also in need of items to restock their pantry. These items can be dropped off at 505 W Temple Ave in Effingham any time before 8 pm.