

SAT 4pm	April 11	April 18	April 25	May 2	May 9
Servers	Fred Dust Madalyne Brown Tryson Brown	Abby Brown Anna Brown Adeline Brown	Aubrey Brown Isaac Wells Fred Dust	Trey Brown Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown	Abby Brown Anna Brown Aubrey Brown
Lector	Katrina Davis	Mike Holland	Alaina Miller	Sara Roepke	Doug Brown
Usher	Mike Holland Justin Miller	Don Brown Doug Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Justin Miller Doug Brown	Don Brown Mike Holland
Ministers of Holy Communion	Don Brown Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland	Donna Davis Katrina Davis Sara Roepke	Beth Spannagel Don Brown Kathy Brown	Rosemary Holland Mike Holland Katrina Davis	Beth Spannagel Sara Roepke Kathy Brown
Gift Bearers	Kathy Brown	Joe & Fred Dust	Don Brown Family	Jason Wells Family	Doug Brown Family
SUN 8am	April 12 Families in Faith	April 19	April 26 Families in Faith	May 3 Living Rosary	May 10
Servers	Jacob Vonderheide Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder	Wade Conder Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene	Braxton Hoene Wylie Miller Daisy Miller	Jacob Vonderheide Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder	Wade Conder Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene
Lector	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson
Ushers	Larry Lieb Jim Vonderheide	Trevor Floyd Dennis Koester	Shawn Buehler Gene Doedtman	Tom Doedtman Josh Miller	John Neu Don Antrim
Ministers of Holy Communion	Lisa Thompson Vanessa Floyd Shawn Buehler	Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide Leslie Kemme	Timber Miller Trevor Floyd Vanessa Floyd	Shawn Buehler Lisa Thompson Linda Doedtman	Barb Vonderheide Leslie Kemme Timber Miller
Gift Bearers	Josh Miller Family	Jason Pruemer Family	Don Marcella Antrim	Shawn Buehler Family	George Diana Conder
Greeters	Tom Helen Doedtman	Ed Leslie Kemme	Jim Mary Miller	John Karen Neu	Wanda Ohnesorge
Money Counters	Kemme Adams	Bales/Richards Hackman/Sheehan	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell	Hoene Floyd
WED. 8am Lectors	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29	May 6
	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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Divine Mercy Sunday---April 12, 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

**April Committee:** Beth Spannagel, Michelle Spannagel, Kathy Ferguson, Tammy Manhart, Judy Zacha, Mardell Sheehan

**Faith That Brings Life**  
The 2nd Sunday of Easter Year A is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a day to remember that God's mercy is for all people. The readings tell us about faith, hope, and the joy that comes from meeting the risen Jesus. They also remind us that believing in Him brings new life.

In the first reading, we hear about the early Christians. They lived together, shared what they had, and cared for those in need. Their lives were filled with prayer, worship, and love for one another. This shows how faith can change the way we live each day.

The Gospel tells the story of Thomas. At first, he doubted the other disciples. When he saw Jesus, he believed. Jesus said that those who believe without seeing are blessed. The 2nd Sunday of Easter Year A invites us to trust Him even when we do not have all the answers.

Divine Mercy Sunday Year A calls us to embrace God's mercy and extend it to others. It encourages us to carry our scars with faith, trust in Jesus' presence, and support one another in community. May we grow in faith and love, sharing God's mercy with the world.

<https://young-catholics.com/>



In the last month, two of the movies I've watched in the theater were Project Hail Mary and Hoppers. Don't worry, I won't spoil either of them. However, they do share something in common: an acknowledgement that our actions impact the lives of others. With that acknowledgement comes the understanding that we can't predict how our actions will impact others, even the most well-meaning actions we take. This doesn't mean that we should take no action out of fear, but we do need to be able to take responsibility for our actions regardless of the consequences.

In a similar stream, I know there are those who have become tired of the trend of creating a tragic backstory for villains in stories, turning them all into people who were poorly treated as children, or who are just misunderstood and doing the best they can, or that due to some tragedy, their hearts have become hardened and they just need to have compassion showed to them in order for them to be good people again.

And all too often, we tend to view people as one dimensional, instead of multi-faceted. We also can tend to take an isolated view of things, if someone hasn't done something to harm us or someone we love, we will tend to pay less attention to it or to their consequences. This tends to be heightened if the person has done things that we perceive as benefiting us or those whom we love. On a larger scale, this is one of the reasons that the Roman Emperors Nero and Caracalla stayed in power for as long as they did, along with King Edward II of Rome, Darya Soltakova of Russia, Ranavolova I of Madagascar, Adolf Hitler, Mao Zedong of China, and even those within the Church such as Theodore McCarrick. Each of these people did things that benefited some people enough to fuel their rise and/or to keep them in their positions of power for years; even as all of them took horrendous actions that harmed and/or killed many.

Do the actions they took which benefited or made life better for others justify or even make up for the actions that harmed others? Absolutely not. And yet, if they publicly repented, and had lived the rest of their lives in a manner that demonstrated sorrow for their actions, we would have been called to acknowledge that and be thankful that they had experienced and pursued that conversion. Would that take away their prior actions? No. Would that mean that there would be no need for lawful punishment or consequences? Also, no. But we of the truths we hear over and over again, in Scripture and in Church teaching, is that we are all connected. God calls each and every one of us to Himself. We, as individuals, and as members of the Body of Christ, are to be shining the light of Christ to all the world. We celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday today. Mercy doesn't imply a lack of justice, rather it's a reminder that we are called to more than the whims of the world. We are called to life in Christ.

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



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

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

**Dear Padre** April 12, 2026

*We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?*

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, "Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God's love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●  
Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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**Weekly Offering..... April 5, 2026**

- Adult.....\$3120.00
- Loose..... 689.00
- Seminarians .....385.00
- Holy Land.....150.00
- Total.....\$4344.00**

**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 April 13  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:23-31  
Jn 3:1-8
- TUESDAY April 14  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:32-37  
Jn 3:7b-15
- WEDNESDAY April 15  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:17-26  
Jn 3:16-21
- THURSDAY April 16  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:27-33  
Jn 3:31-36
- FRIDAY April 17  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:34-42  
Jn 6:1-15
- SATURDAY April 18  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 6:1-7  
Jn 6:16-21
- SUNDAY April 19  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2:14, 22-33  
1 Pt 1:17-21  
Lk 24:13-35

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Stephanie at 217-821-5970.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
*St. Isidore Parish & St. Francis Parish*  
**Totus Tuus at ST. FRANCIS**

2026-'27 7-HS  
 Sunday-Thursdays  
 June 14-18

2026-'27 K-6  
 Monday-Friday  
 June 15-19



**Fiddler on the Roof Jr.** will be presented by SAMBA and St. Athony Grade School April 10-12. Fri/Sat 7pm Sun. 2pm Tickets \$8 at the door/grade school office.

**Registration extended for World Youth Day 2027 Pilgrimage** – Are you interested in attending World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea July 28 – Aug. 30, 2027? The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is organizing a pilgrimage for young people (ages 16–35) to join this global celebration of faith with the Holy Father. The pilgrimage includes World Youth Day events in Seoul, visits to the Myungnygre Shrine and other sites in Busan, South Korea, and Catholic sites in Nagasaki, Japan.

Estimated Cost: \$6,098: A \$500 deposit is due May 15, 2026, with a quarterly payment schedule. Price is estimated based on current market, currency exchange, and travel conditions. For more information, contact: Fr. Zach Samples, Pilgrimage Spiritual Director (217) 698-8500 | [wyd@dio.org](mailto:wyd@dio.org) | [dio.org/wyd](http://dio.org/wyd)

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE January 12-21, 2027**  
Join Fr. Dean Probst and Fr. Charles Delano on a trip to the Holy Land, visiting the area of the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem, Enjoy celebrating Masses and Prayer Services at the places of Jesus' birth, preaching, miracles and crucifixion and resurrection. Cost is \$4099/person from St. Louis airport. Contact Fr. Dean at 217-494-6326 or email [rdprobst@gmail.com](mailto:rdprobst@gmail.com) for brochure.

St. Francis in T-town is looking for.... Parish secretary, parish Financial secretary and a music director. If interested in any of these positions, contact [parishoffice@stmaryshumway.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmaryshumway.org) and I will forward you the requirements for these positions or you may contact Barb Weber at [bweber@stfrancischurch.com](mailto:bweber@stfrancischurch.com) .

**Sacred Marian Shrines Pilgrimage** – Join Msgr. David Hoefler of the Diocese of Springfield on a pilgrimage to the Sacred Marian Shrines of France, Portugal, and Spain, traveling September 28–October 9, 2026. This spiritually rich journey will include visits to some of the most beloved Marian sites in the world. Space is limited. To learn more and register online, go to [go.dio.org/786](http://go.dio.org/786)

**Summer Immersion Experience 2026.** Single Catholic women ages 20-45 who are curious about religious life are invited to a national service immersion experience hosted by four Dominican Sisters' congregations in Springfield June 16-20. The group will live at Sacred Heart Convent and experience the rhythms of apostolic religious life, which includes community life, prayer, active service, and theological reflection. There is a \$50 participation fee, but no woman will be turned away for lack of funds. Apply soon at [springfieldop.org/events](http://springfieldop.org/events) or call Sister Denise Glazik, OP, 217-787-0481 for questions.

**Mass Intentions**



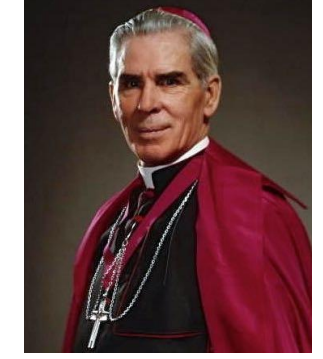
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 Saturday, April 11- †Ella Bolton by Jane Montello  
 + Gene & Gail Boldt by Ralph Hernandez  
 Sunday, April 12 - †Marita Kemme by Family  
 Tuesday, April 14 - †Sally Wakefield by Connie Mullens  
 Wednesday, April 15 – †Frances Kelly by Teresa Tegeler  
 Saturday, April 18 – Parishioners of St. Mary's Annunciation Parish  
 Sunday, April 19 - †Ross Pautler by Duane Joyce Shadwell  
 +Judy Willenborg by Gene Linda Doedtman  
 Tuesday, April 21 – †Sally Wakefield by Tim Deborah Thoele  
 Wednesday, April 22- †Frances Kelly by Joe Kay Conder

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to Pray for the Protection of All Life at St. Mary's church in Green Creek on Wednesday April 22nd. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr Adam Prichard 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.

**Families in Faith**  
**Next classes-- April 12 & 26**  
**Crowning of Mary and Living Rosary**  
**May 3**

**SonRise Men's Breakfast – Be A Man After God's Own Heart!**  
Join us this Friday for a SonRise session that brings it all together with a powerful look at mercy, trust, and the hidden face of Christ. Discover a spiritual plan of life, the revelation of the Father, and the call for more men like St. Joseph – men who walk the talk and live with purpose. If you were touched by the Spirit this Lent and Easter season, this Friday morning men's gathering is for you. Come for Hot Breakfast on Friday, April 17, 6:15 AM, prayer, program and discussion from 6:30 – 7:30 AM, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham.

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen of the United States is set to be beatified on Thursday, September 24, in St. Louis! He will become Blessed Sheen! Another miracle attributable to his intercession will then make him a saint. Watch this short video of the 2010 Peoria miracle that approved by Pope Francis!  
[https://youtu.be/BqR3VX9p\\_pc](https://youtu.be/BqR3VX9p_pc)



**Effingham Catholic Young Adults**

**April 14th @ 7pm**


**HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR**

for young adults 21-35

Confession available

**7pm @ St. Francis**  
203 E. Main St. Teutopolis

**8pm @ Kenter's Tavern**  
109 E. Main St. Teutopolis



GroupMe

### Reflection Questions for Divine Mercy Sunday Year A

- How can I accept Jesus' peace in my heart and life?
- Do I believe in Jesus' forgiveness, even when I feel unworthy?
- How can I show mercy and forgiveness to others?
- What doubts do I struggle with in my faith journey?
- How can I grow in faith without needing physical proof?
- What scars am I carrying, and how can I find healing in Jesus?
- How can my own struggles help me grow closer to Jesus?
- Why is community important in my faith journey?
- How can I better support my faith community?
- What does God's mercy mean to me, and how can I share it with others?

### Temporal Punishment Explained and How To Get It Off Your Soul

Ever wondered why Catholics believe sin still has consequences even after forgiveness in Confession? In this episode, we dive deep into the Church's teaching on temporal punishment — what it means, why it matters, and how God's mercy and justice work together. Discover how confession wipes away guilt but not always the damage left behind, and how we can heal that through prayer, penance, and love. Father Christopher Trummer, a moral theologian, joins Dive Deep. Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://youtube.com/diospringfield) or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

### Help Connect Students with Campus Ministry - Adult leaders are needed in each parish to be

"ambassadors" for a new initiative from Newman Connection that connects students and young adults directly to their college Catholic campus ministry or military chaplain before they leave your community. Called "Faith Forward," I need local parents and leaders to help invite young people to enthusiastically sign up to learn more about the Catholic community that is waiting to welcome them in their next chapter in life! Click here <https://dio.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/470/responses/new> to sign up as an ambassador for your parish or school!

## Easter Flowers



Deceased Members of the Bolton and Montello Families  
By Jane Montello

Mike & Virginia Conder and St. M. Koelsch SSND  
By Joe and George Conder Families

Clarence & Teresa Worman  
By Dan McKay

In 1931, our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her:

**Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (Diary, 47, 48). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You (327). I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world (47).**

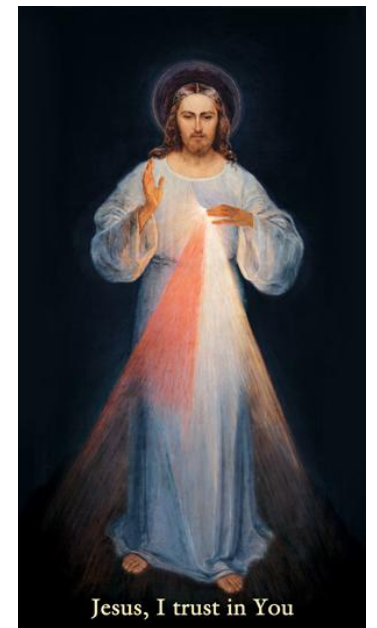
At the request of her spiritual director, St. Faustina asked the Lord about the meaning of the rays in the image. She heard these words in reply:

**The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him (299). By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works (742).**

These words indicate that the Image represents the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through Baptism and the Eucharist.

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/image>

Watch a video on the image at <https://youtu.be/4kZw3GAsn9c>



Jesus, I trust in You