

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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3rd Sunday of Easter---April 19, 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

Walking with the Risen Lord
The 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A reminds us that Jesus is alive and walks with us. The readings show how His followers came to believe in the resurrection. They also call us to live with hope and trust in His promise.

In the first reading, Peter tells the crowd that Jesus' death and resurrection were part of God's plan. He speaks with courage, showing that the Holy Spirit gives strength to share the Good News.

The Gospel tells the story of the road to Emmaus. Two disciples walk with a stranger who explains the Scriptures to them. They finally recognize Him when He breaks bread. This moment shows how Jesus is present with us in Word and Sacrament.

The 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A encourages us to look for Jesus in our daily lives. He is with us in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in the people we meet. When we open our hearts to Him, our faith grows stronger.



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

<https://young-catholics.com/5474/3rd-sunday-of-easter-year-a/>

The Lord is Risen, Alleluia!!! Indeed, he is Risen, Alleluia!!!

Greetings and Happy Easter, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is the Third Sunday of Easter. We hear in the Gospel of Luke about a couple who were heading away from Jerusalem after all that had happened there, with the crucifixion and death of Jesus and his alleged resurrection. This is referred to as “the Road to Emmaus” account. Most of us know this story well, if not well, we do remember hearing it before. This could be one of the most relevant stories for us in the New Testament. I say lot of us today. We can very easily place ourselves in this story, even today, in 2026. Think about the story for a moment. Have you ever thought to yourself, " Why is this couple leaving Jerusalem? It could be that they thought their hopes didn't come true. They hoped that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah and that Israel would regain power over Rome, but it didn't happen. I'm sure they did believe that Jesus was the Christ after all the wonders he worked in their midst, and while Jesus was with them, it was easy to believe. It didn't take faith they could see it right before their eyes. But then Jesus was killed! It's all over now. What's left to do but go back to our normal lives, just like nothing happened.



Is this us? I mean, think about it, we prepared 40 days in Lent for the coming of Easter. Now that the event has happened, do we just go back to our normal lives as if it never happened? Back to our regular routine, I hope not! Because here's where the relevant part comes into play. Here's where we are, just like the couple on the road. You see, they didn't know that Jesus was alive until the breaking of the bread, but Jesus is just as much alive today to us as he was that day on the road to Emmaus. And everything changed for this couple, and it can for us as well. What changed for them was “The Resurrection is Real.” Jesus Christ is alive! Hope is restored. Faith is strengthened.

The two other Scripture readings this Sunday remind us of why this is so important to us. First, in the book of Acts, we are reminded that this resurrection of Christ was foretold and that God has kept his promise and fulfilled it. Likewise, in First Peter, we are reminded that we are redeemed by the body and blood of Christ Jesus, the one and only perfect sacrifice for our sins, and we participate in it every time we go to the Mass. We received a share in the divine life through our baptism. We have been given access to the heavenly Kingdom of God through Jesus Christ. This news should change the way we live our lives and strengthen our faith, knowing that Jesus is still alive with us today. We can see him too in the breaking of the bread. Brothers and Sisters, let us not stop proclaiming as Easter people “Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

In service to you, in service to Christ,
Deacon Candidate,
Jesse R. Davis

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!

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

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



Blue Sunday Day of Prayer - April 26th, 2026

Join millions of people across the nation as they unite in prayer for children experiencing abuse and neglect on Blue Sunday, April 26th, 2026. Here's how you can lift up these children in prayer:

- **Pray** they can be placed in safe, loving homes.
- **Pray** that they remain with their siblings while in care.
- **Pray** that they are given access to resources to heal their minds and bodies from their trauma.
- **Pray** that parents find the healing and restoration they need to appropriately care for their children.
- **Pray** for strength and patience for caregivers as they also navigate the foster care system.
- **Pray** for more community members to answer the call to advocate for children as CASA volunteers.

Do you have a desire to advocate on behalf of children who have experienced abuse and neglect? Join Us!



BECOME A CASA VOLUNTEER

There are far too many children in our community who need the powerful advocacy of a CASA volunteer. Visit our website to learn more about a CASA volunteer's impact and how we will prepare and support you in your service.



BECOME A COMMUNITY PARTNER

Serving every child who needs a volunteer is possible, but we can't do it alone. With your help, we can recruit, train and support more volunteers to reach more children in need. Visit casa4change.org/how-to-help/ to learn more.

CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY.™



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Weekly Offering..... April 12, 2026

Adult.....\$965.00
Loose.....320.00
Seminarians20.00
Total.....\$1305.00

Rice Bowl \$182.83

Parish Hall update \$156,843.47

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 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8–15
Jn 6:22–29
- TUESDAY
April 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51—8:1a
Jn 6:30–35
- WEDNESDAY
April 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b–8
Jn 6:35–40
- THURSDAY
April 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26–40
Jn 6:44–51
- FRIDAY
April 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1–20
Jn 6:52–59
- SATURDAY
April 25
St. Mark, Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b–14
Mk 16:15–20
- SUNDAY
April 26
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36–41
1 Pt 2:20b–25
Jn 10:1–10

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

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

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

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



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 | 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 for brochure.


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 or call Sister Denise Glazik, OP, 217-787-0481 for questions.

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

Protect Your Kids Online – Do you wish that someone had told you early on about the dangers of pornography? Do you ever wonder how to introduce the topic to your kids and when? The average age of first exposure to porn is 8 to 10 years old. When girls internalize the harmful images in porn, they are likely to have issues with self-esteem, body image, and relationships, and 58% of girls have seen porn by age 12. The resources at go.dio.org/2XY will help your children learn about healthy intimacy and understand healthy sexuality as well as protect them from the damage that pornography can do to their brain and to their relationships. Questions? Contact Gracie at 217-321-1124 or gortiz@dio.org

† This symbol denotes-deceased.


Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 18 – Parishioners of St. Mary's Annunciation Parish
 Sunday, April 19 - +Ross Pautler by Duane Joyce Shadwell
 +Judy Willenborg by Gene Linda Doedtmann
 Tuesday, April 21 – +Sally Wakefield by Tim Deborah Thoele
 Wednesday, April 22- +Frances Kelly by Joe Kay Conder
 Saturday, April 25 --+Shannon Vonderheide by Todd Wanda Ohnesorge
 Sunday, April 26 --+Don Miller and Joy Ann Garrison by Jim & Mary Miller
 Tuesday, April 28 --+James McLean by Teresa Tegeler
 Wednesday, April 29 – no mass

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



Elaine Sieben 4-14
 Joe Conder 4-15
 Claire Holland 4-19
 Marcella Antrim 4-19
 Duane Brandt 4-20
 Duane Shadwell 4-22
 Waylon Brown 4-23
 Jason Wells 4-24

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

Happy Anniversary

ALAN & GEANNINE KESSLER 4-12-1980
 46 years

DON & CHRISTY BROWN 4-17-2004
 22 years

DALE & KATHY WORMAN 4-17-1982
 44 years

JOHN & KAREN NEU 4-21-1979
 47 years

Reflections Questions for this week--

- What are some ways I can be more open to the Holy Spirit in my daily life?
- How does the Eucharist help me recognize Jesus in my own life?
- What changes do I need to make in my life to better reflect the Good News of Jesus' resurrection?
- In what ways can I strengthen my own relationship with the risen Lord this week?

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life--- St. Mary's church in Green Creek on Wednesday April 22nd. Rosary at 6:00 pm. 6:30 pm Mass. A business meeting will follow in the parish.

SonRise Men's Breakfast – this Friday
 Men, join us this Friday for a SonRise session with a powerful look at how the people with whom you surround yourself brings you within the mercy, trust, and love of Christ. Come for Hot Breakfast on Friday, 6:15 AM, prayer, program and discussion from 6:30 – 7:30 AM, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham.

YOU'RE INVITED TO
EL SHADDAI'S
**4TH ANNUAL
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
& SILENT AUCTION**



SATURDAY APRIL 25
7 AM - 12 PM @ THE JOURNEY CHURCH
MENU: PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, EGGS & BAKED GOODS

Free will donation

51 VILLAGE SQUARE MALL
EFFINGHAM IL 62401
QUESTIONS?? CONTACT LISA KRAMPE
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Day of Prayer for Life – Save the Date! Please mark your calendars for the deanery wide annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held Wednesday, June 17th, at St Francis Church. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will be held throughout the day, with the closing Mass at 7:30 PM.

Deanery Date Night
St. Mary Catholic Church, Neoga
Sunday, April 26, 2026

To sign up, call 217-844-3371
or email office@snltriparishes.org

\$30 per couple

5:30 p.m. - Reflection by Fr. Hyland
6:00 p.m. - Bowling and Dinner
at Thunder Lanes

Childcare will be provided



Scan for more info



Exclusive: He Planned the Funerals for 5 Presidents & Pope John Paul II's White House Visit – In this episode of Dive Deep, Andrew Hansen interviews Jerseyville's Tom Groppe, the former Director of Ceremonies for the Military District of Washington who planned the funerals of five U.S. presidents. Groppe shares behind-the-scenes stories from presidential funerals, state visits to the White House—including St. John Paul II's historic 1979 visit—and personal conversations with presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, and George H. W. Bush. Go to youtube.com/diospringfield or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. *Dive Deep* is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

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.cbchurch.com/goto/forms/470/responses/new> to sign up as an ambassador for your parish or school!

APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



Identify and Report Warning Signs of Child Abusers

Grooming behaviors are the actions abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, while others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling. Abusers also often try to isolate their victims from family or friends and encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other caring adults.

The Effects of ABUSE

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place.

Holding Offenders ACCOUNTABLE

To help hold offenders accountable, report all suspected abuse to local public authorities. You can also contact your local diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.



In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry.

Steps to Prevent ABUSE

Communicate with Your Children

It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behaviors perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.

Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse

Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.

"The abuse itself causes a deep wound that may last a lifetime, but often the scandal in the Church is because the door was closed and the victims were not welcomed and accompanied by authentic pastors."
—Pope Leo XIV, Jan. 10, 2026



https://www.usccb.org/resources/2026%20Child%20Abuse%20Prevention%20Month%20Resource%20Booklet%20-%2003.26.2026_5.pdf