

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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4th Sunday of Easter---April 26, 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

May Committee: Karen Kemme, Carolyn Clark, Christy Bales, Lisa Thompson, Geannine Kessler, Sami Childerson

The Shepherd Who Guides Us
The 4th Sunday of Easter Year A is often called Good Shepherd Sunday. On this day, we hear readings that remind us how Jesus leads, protects, and cares for His people. The image of the shepherd is one of the most comforting pictures in the Bible. It shows the closeness and love between God and His people.
The first reading tells how the early followers of Jesus grew in faith and number. They listened to Peter, turned away from sin, and were baptized. The psalm speaks of God as our shepherd who guides us to peace and safety. These words bring hope and assurance to all who trust in Him.
In the Gospel, Jesus says He is the gate for the sheep. He is the way to life, joy, and safety. On the 4th Sunday of Easter Year A, we are reminded to listen for His voice and follow where He leads. His care brings life in its fullness.



As we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Easter, commonly known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we're reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He is the one that calls us by name, seeks us out when we stray, and shepherds us toward our true home: the Kingdom of God. Jesus shepherds us along the way, if we pay attention, if we listen to His voice. We also know that there are competing voices, temptations that attempt to drown out the voice of our Shepherd. We are faced with our own temptations, the lies spoken to us by the Devil, and the allures of societies that are crafted to distract us from Jesus and the path to holiness. And, in general, when we are faced with these competing voices, they can appear to be good, or at the very least attractive. So, we face some facts. 1. There is a moral standard, given to us by God, and so we can objectively say an immoral action is immoral, we are not in another person's shoes in a carbon copy situation. 2. The amount of times that I have strayed, that I have sinned, because I haven't paid attention to the Lord's voice, or have not relied on God's grace are many. 3. The mercy of God endures forever and Jesus continually calls each of us by name. All that to say: while we acknowledge and call out sin and sinful actions, we know that someone's sins is not what truly defines that person, even if that person doesn't view what he or she is doing as sinful or wrong, and this is why we are to proclaim the necessity of repentance and new life in Jesus Christ. If Jesus is merciful, loving, and forgives my sins, then it's obvious to me that His mercy is available to everyone.

What do we do, though, when we are faced with the competing temptations and allures that can draw us away from life in Christ? The motto of the Carthusian Order, a Catholic religious order founded by St. Bruno in 1084, is *Stat crux dum volvitur orbis*, translated as, "The Cross Stands as the World Turns." We know that Jesus' death on the cross is not the end of the story; after all, Jesus rose from the dead, interacted His apostles and disciples after the resurrection, and ascended into Heaven. Yet, while the cross isn't the end of the story, it's a necessary piece of Salvation. When we look to the Cross, particularly when it's a crucifix, it's a reminder of the love of Jesus for us. When we look to the cross, we see that Jesus gave Himself for us. When we see the reminder of the love of Jesus for us and pay attention, it helps us to understand that while we see tragedies and horror and disasters in the world, while the temptations of the world attempt to draw us in, God truly loves us. And, faced with the knowledge, with the understanding that the Father loves me and that Jesus pours Himself out for me, what is more compelling? The Love of Jesus or the empty "calories" of what the world promises but doesn't deliver on? I pray that all of us will continue to choose and accept the love of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in our lives.

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!

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



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 19, 2026

Adult.....\$1650.00
 Loose.....365.00
 Catholic Homes.....145.00
Total.....\$2160.00

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 27
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 11:1–18
 Jn 10:11–18
 TUESDAY
 April 28
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 11:19–26
 Jn 10:22–30
 WEDNESDAY
 April 29
 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Acts 12:24–13:5a
 Jn 12:44–50
 THURSDAY
 April 30
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 13:13–25
 Jn 13:16–20
 FRIDAY
 May 1
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 13:26–33
 Jn 14:1–6
 SATURDAY
 May 2
 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Acts 13:44–52
 Jn 14:7–14
 SUNDAY
 May 3
 Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 6:1–7
 1 Pt 2:4–9
 Jn 14:1–12

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

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

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

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



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 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
 Saturday, May 2 – +Sally Wakefield by David Sherrill Sainer
 +Hans Kollinger by Helene Kollinger
 Sunday, May 3 – Parishioners of Annunciation Parish
 Tuesday, May 5 – +Mildred & Alfred Tegeler by family
 Wednesday, May 6 - +Danyel 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



Fred Dust 4-30
 Christy Bales 4-30
 Christy Brown 5-1

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

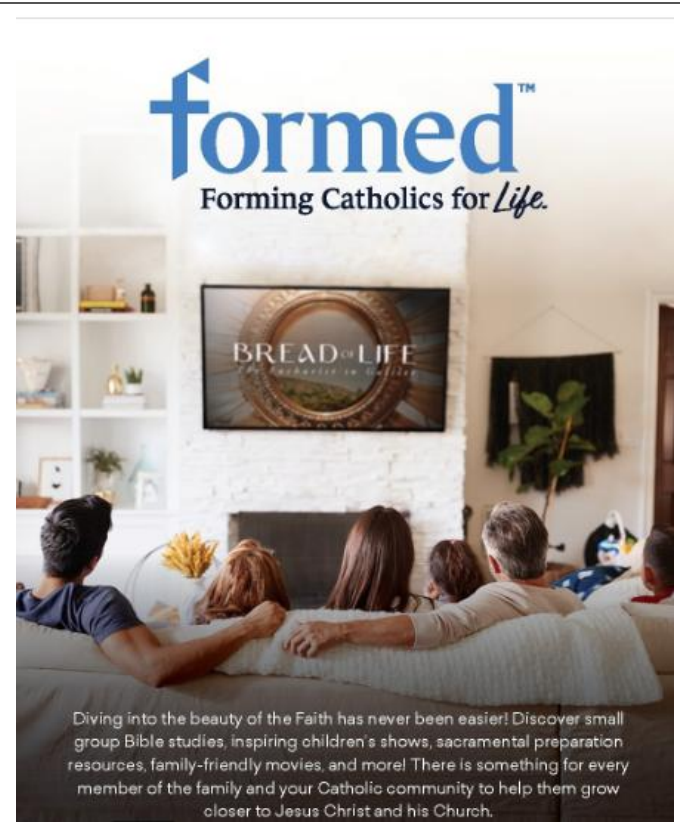
SonRise Men's Breakfast – coming this Friday All men are welcomed to attend this Friday for a another unique SonRise session with a powerful look at how Christian action towards others brings you within the mercy, trust, and love of Christ. Come for Hot Breakfast on Friday, 6:15 AM, prayer, program and discussion from 6:30 – 7:30 AM, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham.

May Crowning of Mary and Living Rosary
 Sunday, May 3rd following
 8am Mass



Join us for a morning of prayer & fellowship as we celebrate the month of our Blessed Mother and our own mothers. Crowning and Living Rosary will begin immediately following Mass. After the rosary, coffee and donuts will be available downstairs.





Diving into the beauty of the Faith has never been easier! Discover small group Bible studies, inspiring children's shows, sacramental preparation resources, family-friendly movies, and more! There is something for every member of the family and your Catholic community to help them grow closer to Jesus Christ and his Church.

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

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.

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

Reflections Questions for this week--

- How do you experience Jesus as the Good Shepherd in your life?
- In what ways can you better listen to His voice?
- What steps can you take to follow Jesus more closely?
- How does repentance play a role in your spiritual journey?
- What challenges do you face in trusting Jesus' guidance?
- How does the hope of eternal life impact your daily life?
- How can you support others in your faith community?
- What does being part of the Church mean to you?
- How can you grow in your relationship with Jesus through the sacraments?
- What can you do to help others hear and follow the Good Shepherd?

CHILL WITH US
ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER PARTY

SUN. MAY 3
5:00-7:00PM
ON THE CHURCH LAWN

ACTIVITIES
FOOD, MUSIC, GAMES
AND MORE!

RSVP WITH KATRINA
(217) 240-4291 OR
ON THE BAND APP