

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).



+Bishop Thomas John Paprocki  
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Resurrection of the Lord—April 5, 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

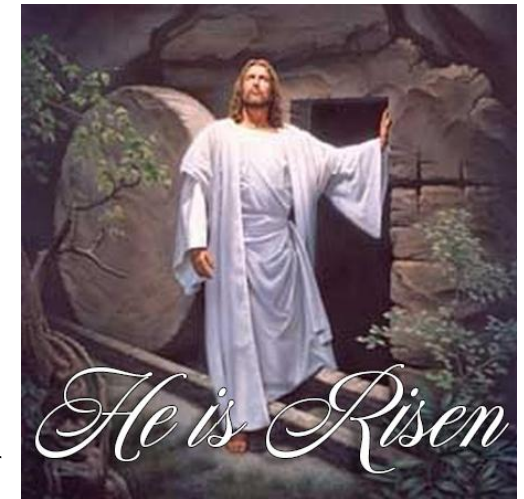
Sunday – 10:00 am

No Adoration/Mass when it falls on a Holy Day

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

Easter stands at the pinnacle of the Christian liturgical year, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, a cornerstone of faith promising redemption and eternal life to humanity.

At the heart of this jubilant time is Easter Sunday, a day brimming with the joy of the Risen Lord, which also begins the Easter Octave—eight days of unbroken celebration, each treated as though they are one and the same day. This period invites us into deep reflection and joy over the life-giving mysteries of Christ's triumph over death.



The Octave of Easter is an extended season of joy, underscoring the central truth of Christian faith: Christ's victory over death and sin. Throughout this time, the faithful engage in daily Masses that resonate with Easter's hopeful and renewing message, culminating on Divine Mercy Sunday. This special day highlights God's endless mercy and love.

Easter and the ensuing Octave are not just remembrances of a past event but are invitations into a more profound, personal encounter with the Risen Christ today. This season ushers in a time of new beginnings and divine grace, offering a pathway to spiritual renewal and deeper connection with the essence of our faith.

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! I pray that each and every one may know the love and mercy of God in a particular way this Easter season. There are many people say that most priests and deacons have one homily, perhaps two, and if they're particularly blessed, at most three. That we try, at times, to repackage them, but if you hear a deacon or priest preach three times, you've likely heard him say all that he has to say. The truth is, that's an accurate statement: I have one core message, with some bullet points for supporting evidence: God loves us, desires us to know His love, and calls us to live in Him. What is more important to know, to understand? There are times that my homilies or bulletin articles or attempts to communicate are jumbled and disorganized, or (once in a blue moon) organized, convincing, and convicting; but regardless of the particular tidiness of a homily, that is at its core.

We see, throughout Scripture, throughout church history, hopefully throughout our own lives, the evidence of that truth. And, yet, each and every one of us may doubt or fear that truth. We may think to ourselves, at times, "I can't rely on that. I have to only trust in myself. God has better things to do; there are more important people." As tragically, we may think to ourselves as well, "that person doesn't matter. I'm more important than he is. No one will trust what she says. I can do whatever I want, there'll be no consequences anyway." But the truth is God has created each and every person, He continues to sustain not just our existence, but the existence of everything in creation, out of love. To ignore or attempt to reduce the value of any person, ourselves or others, is to reject the image and likeness of God.

And, just as many other people, I need to understand, to comprehend, to the extent that I can, the immense love of God. Ultimately, the message, the truth of God's love for us, that He calls us to Himself is one that bears the most repeating. The truth cannot be said often enough. And, so, truly, my homily, while I try to communicate it through different ways and organizations, is not my own message. It's the message of the Triune God, that just as Paul, just as all the Saints, have seen the reality of. Though I am nowhere near a canonized Saint, if just one more person, through the mercy of God, has been drawn to Christ through my attempts to cooperate with His grace than I have driven off through my flaws and failures, I will take great comfort in that. I am grateful to be pastor here in Shumway and Green Creek. And I pray that each and every one of us may know the love of God in a greater way through this Easter season.



**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 5, 2026

*I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?*

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted "yes," then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God's grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God's plan for you will always be there. • Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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**Weekly Offering..... March 29, 2026**

Adult.....	\$2435.00
Loose.....	543.55
Catholic Relief.....	10.00
Catholic Charities.....	20.00
Catholic Times.....	15.00
Retired Religious.....	25.00
Easter Flowers.....	40.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3088.55</b>
<b>Masses \$100</b>	

**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 6  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 2:14, 22–33  
Mt 28:8–15
- TUESDAY  
April 7  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 2:36–41  
Jn 20:11–18
- WEDNESDAY  
April 8  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 3:1–10  
Lk 24:13–35
- THURSDAY  
April 9  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 3:11–26  
Lk 24:35–48
- FRIDAY  
April 10  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 4:1–12  
Jn 21:1–14
- SATURDAY  
April 11  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 4:13–21  
Mk 16:9–15
- SUNDAY  
April 12  
Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
Acts 2:42–47  
1 Pt 1:3–9  
Jn 20:19–31

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-Thursday June 14-18	2026-'27 K-6 Monday-Friday June 15-19
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**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)

**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School Newton, IL**  
**Job Postings:** Middle School Math Teacher Starting: 2026-2027 School Year  
St. Thomas is accepting credentials for the position of Middle School Math teacher/6th Grade Homeroom. Practicing Catholics preferred, but not required. All interested individuals should submit resume', application (found at [stthomassaints.com](http://stthomassaints.com)), copy of license(s), letter(s) of reference and transcripts to:  
**St. Thomas School**  
Attn: Mrs. Jill Bierman, Principal  
306 W. Jourdan St. - Newton, IL 62448  
Or [jillbierman@stthomassaints.com](mailto:jillbierman@stthomassaints.com) Please feel free to email or call Mrs. Bierman (618) 783-3517, if you have any questions. Deadline to apply: April 24th, 2026



† This symbol denotes-deceased.  
Saturday, April 4-(8pm)- +Sally Wakefield by Tim & Deborah Thoele  
Sunday, April 5 -Parishioners of St. Mary's Annunciation Parish  
Tuesday, April 7 – +Sally Wakefield by Connie Mullens  
Wednesday, April 8 – +Steve Shadwell by Charly Rhonda Vonderheide  
Saturday, April 11- +Ella Bolton by Jane Montello  
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 Doedt...

**Bible Study @ St. Mary's, Shumway**  
"A Journey Through Church History."  
Last session @ 6:30pm  
Wed. April 8  
We will have another study in the fall. If you have ideas/suggestions or would like to facilitate a study, please contact Donna at [d.davis@stmaryshumway.org](mailto:d.davis@stmaryshumway.org)

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

**The Sacred Heart CCW** would like to invite all ladies from St. Anthony and St. Mary Parishes to our Annual Salad Supper on Tuesday, April 7, at 6:00pm, in our parish center (405 S. Henrietta St, Effingham). A special program will be presented by Vicki Walker, sharing her bread-baking recipes and talent. Please join us for a fun night out!



*The parish family extends its deepest sympathies to Justin Miller and family on the passing of his father, Dan Miller. May he rest in peace.*

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at First Presbyterian Church in Effingham. Burial will be in Island Creek Cemetery in rural Montrose. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2026, at Johnson Funeral Home in Effingham.

**A New Springtime: HAPPY EASTER!**  
The 26-week journey with TMIY is almost complete. The transformation and the fruits from the journey are countless. These next two sessions are essential to piece it all together and form a place of action for your own personal spiritual life. Men, don't miss either session of SonRise Friday.  
Hot Breakfast is ready at 6:15am, prayer and presentation at 6:30 followed by small group table discussion until 7:30am, at the St. Anthony Parish Center.

**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

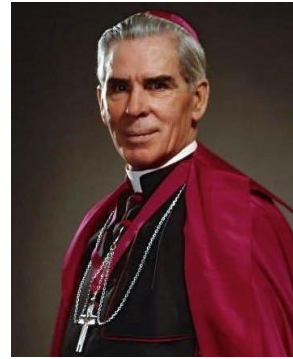
**8pm @ Kenter's Tavern**  
109 E. Main St. Teutopolis



GroupMe

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)



**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.

**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](https://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](mailto:gortiz@dio.org)

**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!

## Easter Flowers



Manuela Hernandez by Ralph Hernandez

Ken & Linda Westjohn by Rodney & Terry Hoene

Walker L. Bryan and Rose T. Bryan by Ethan and Carly Doty

Tom Vonderheide, Henry & Helen Vonderheide,  
Alfred & Clara Halsman by Barb Vonderheide

Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Bugger & Bud Brendel  
by Bob & Nancy Bugger

Clifford & Viola McLaughlin, Elza & Faye Storm,  
Joyce & Francis Crockett, Marlene Rozene & Karen Fear  
by Dwight & Bev Storm

Helen Vonderheide, Ervin & Mildred Beitz & Eli Vonderheide  
by Charles & Rhonda Vonderheide

Colin Woods & Margaret Reynolds  
by Dan & Angela Woods

Albert & Lavina Herrmann, Leroy & Leona Zacha  
by Roger & Judy Zacha

Alli & Elsie Habing, James & Frances Antrim, Mabel Harris  
by Don & Marcella Antrim

Walter, Velma, Ed Kirchhofer & Eldon, Geneva, Don Miller & Joyann Garrison  
By Jim and Mary Miller

Shannon Vonderheide, Clem & Rosa Ruholl, Henry & Helen Vonderheide, Gene & Betty Ohnesorge  
By Todd & Wanda Ohnesorge

Ross & Violet Pautler, Trobia & Gladys Shadwell  
by Duane & Joyce Shadwell

