

SAT 4pm	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30	June 6
Servers	Abby Brown Anna Brown Aubrey Brown	Adeline Brown Isaac Wells Fred Dust	Trey Brown Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown	Abby Brown Adeline Brown Aubrey Brown	Anna Brown Isaac Wells Fred Dust
Lector	Doug Brown	Christy Brown	Donna Davis	Mike Holland	Alaina Miller
Usher	Don Brown Mike Holland	Doug Brown Jason Wells	Justin Miller Mike Holland	Doug Brown Don Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland
Ministers of Holy Communion	Beth Spannagel Sara Roepke Kathy Brown	Don Brown Rosemary Holland Mike Holland	Katrina Davis Donna Davis Beth Spannagel	Sara Roepke Kathy Brown Don Brown	Rosemary Holland Mike Holland Katrina Davis
Gift Bearers	Doug Brown Family	Jason Wells Family	Fred Joe Dust	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family
SUN 8am	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31	June 7 1 st Comm. Reception
Servers	Wade Conder Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene	Braxton Hoene Wylie Miller Daisy Miller	Jacob Vonderheide Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder	Wade Conder Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene	Braxton Hoene Wylie Miller Daisy Miller
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams
Ushers	John Neu Don Antrim	Jason Vonderheide Charley Vonderheide	Larry Lieb Jim Vonderheide	Dennis Koester Shawn Buehler	Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman
Ministers of Holy Communion	Barb Vonderheide Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Vanessa Floyd Shawn Buehler Linda Doedtman	Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide Leslie Kemme	Timber Miller Vanessa Floyd Shawn Buehler	Linda Doedtman Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide
Gift Bearers	George Diana Conder	Jason Vonderheide Family	Tom Helen Doedtman	Ed Leslie Kemme	Allen Geannine Kessler
Greeters	Wanda Ohnesorge	Lisa Thompson	Rodney Hoene Family	Charley Rhonda Vonderheide	Barb Vonderheide
Money Counters	Hoene Floyd	Kemme Adams	Bales/Richards Hackman/Sheehan	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell
WED. 8am Lectors	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3	June 10
	Mike Holland	Alice Richards	Irene Koester	Linda Doedtman	Mike Holland

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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7th Sunday of Easter---May 17, 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

Risen Lord and Ruling King

The Ascension of the Lord Year A celebrates the moment when Jesus returned to the Father. It is a joyful reminder that his mission on earth was complete, but his care for us continues. The disciples saw him lifted up into heaven, yet his promise to be with them always gave them courage.

This feast reminds us that Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God. He reigns as King over all the earth. His authority is above every power and ruler. Even though we cannot see him, he is still guiding his Church and giving us strength through the Holy Spirit.

The Ascension of the Lord Year A also calls us to action. Jesus gave his followers a mission to go into the whole world. We are sent to share his message, to baptize, and to teach others to follow him. His words are for us today just as they were for the first disciples.



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

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. I think we can sometimes overlook this feast or perceive it as not as important in the life of the Church and in our own lives. We sometimes focus on that great feast of Pentecost, which is still to come, and seem to forget the importance or the significance of the Ascension.

We hear Christ Jesus tell his apostles that he must go to be with the Father, and it is better for us if he goes, for then he will send us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. So, is this act of the Lord only to set up the next big thing, the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost? It does that, yes, but there is more to the Ascension if we take a closer look. This confirms that as Catholic Christians we are a resurrection people, we believe that we will one day be united to God body and soul. It helps us to remember that this world is not our eternal home, that is, Heaven. The Ascension also helps us not to put too much importance on the physical things of this world, or, as Jesus calls them, "the things that will pass away." Also, we remember our Lord telling Mary Magdalene in the garden, at his Resurrection, "Don't cling to me, Mary, I have not yet Ascended to my Father." This Ascension of the Lord is a transition time for the apostles, from being with Jesus physically to being with him spiritually. It is hard for us to understand this as we are physical beings that operate through our senses of sight, smell, and touch. His disciples didn't want to see him go; they mourned for him at his death, and he was back. They may not have understood it all, but they knew they didn't want to lose their friend again. But as Jesus tells them, there is still yet a better plan that God has for us, but we must believe.

Jesus is moving us to see with the eye of Faith. Death is not the end for us. Jesus' promise to be with us always is seen through the Church, and in the many Sacraments he set up for us, as we bridge the physical life to the spiritual life and participate in the life of Christ. The plan of God for us has its steps and stages, and the Ascension is one of those. So let's not overlook that gift God has given us in it, and reflect more deeply on it, and what impact it has on our own lives.



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



PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!

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| Kay Dust | Mardell Sheehan | Steve Moore |
| Greg Spannagel | 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 | |
| | Jerry Worman | |

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

The Ascension of the Lord YEAR A

MAIN MESSAGE

- Jesus returns to the Father.
- He reigns as Lord over all.
- He sends us to share His message.
- He is with us always.

KEY SCRIPTURE

"I am with you always, until the end of the age."
- Matthew 28:20

THE READINGS

FIRST READING
Jesus is taken up into heaven.

PSALM 47
God is king over all the earth.

SECOND READING
Christ is exalted above all powers.

GOSPEL
Go and make disciples of all nations.

THEMES TO KNOW

- Jesus is Lord of all.
- Promise of the Holy Spirit.
- Called to share the Gospel.
- Jesus sends us on mission.
- Jesus is with us always.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Trust that Jesus is with you every day.
- Share your faith with others.
- Follow Jesus and obey His words.
- Help make the world a better place.

TRY THIS!

Talk to one person this week about your faith or invite them to pray with you.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ? How does it feel to know Jesus is with you always?
- ? What can you do to share the Gospel this week?
- ? How does Jesus give you strength for your mission?

SCAN FOR MORE

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MONDAY
May 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY
May 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY
May 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY
May 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30;
23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY
May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

SATURDAY
May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20,
30-31
Jn 21:20-25


SUNDAY
May 24
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13
Jn 20:19-23

Weekly Offering..... May 10, 2026

- Adult.....\$1605.00
Loose.....367.00
Cath. Communication.....215.00
Total.....\$2187.00.00
Masses \$80
Parish Hall update \$160,114.71


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



MATTHEW 5:16

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE FOR GOD




ST. MARYS HELP OF CHRISTIANS, GREEN CREEK + ST. MARYS CHURCH, SHUMWAY


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 15TH - 17TH, 2026

JOIN US FOR FUN AND FAITH FORMATION
 JUNE 15TH - 17TH FROM 9:00AM-11:30AM
 GREEN CREEK HALL, 20057 N 1525TH ST. EFFINGHAM, IL
 AGES PRE-K - 6TH GRADE - REGISTER USING THE QR
 CODE BELOW OR USING REGISTRATION FORMS
 LOCATED IN THE BACK OF EACH CHURCH

CONTACT SANDY BLOEMER FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
 OR QUESTIONS AT (217) 824-3376



Called & Sent: A summer retreat for high schoolers – Join other high schoolers looking to learn more about God’s Highway to Heaven. Hear from priests, religious, and lay speakers diving into the heart of the Church – the Eucharist. Called & Sent will be July 18-23 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield. To learn more, go to dio.org/events or contact Fr. Zach Samples, Promoter of Vocations, at zsamples@dio.org.

Called & Sent
 Diocese of Springfield in Illinois
 VOCATIONS
 For Christ & His Church

Called and Courageous Women’s Conference in Springfield Coming in October

Life is full of highs and lows, and it can be hard to see where God is in the middle of it all. At this year’s Catholic Women’s Conference, discover how to trust God in the messy, real moments of everyday life. Learn how your emotions influence your spiritual life and how to challenge the lies that lead to self-criticism, comparison, and discouragement. You’ll leave with practical tools to learn how to recognize God in your daily life, grow in prayer, and live with greater confidence in your identity as a beloved daughter of God. No matter what your season of life – single, married, divorced, widowed, young adult, or retired – you’ll find encouragement, community, and hope. When? Saturday, October 10. Christ the King parish Center, Springfield. Women ages 18+. Cost \$30. For the full schedule, speaker information, and registration, visit <https://dio.org/event/called-and-courageous/>. Even if you are on the fence about God, remember: God is not on the fence about you.

EFFINGHAM CATHOLIC CHARITIES is holding a Glow Golf Event sponsored by Dieterich Bank on June 12, 2026. The event will be held at the Cardinal Golf Course in Effingham, IL. Registration begins at 7:30 PM with Golf starting at 9 PM. There will be 4 person teams, but if you don’t have a team, we will assign you one. The cost is \$50 per player. Food available to purchase from Gate to Plate Food Truck. Don’t golf? Consider a sponsorship for \$100.




SDCCW ANNUAL CONVENTION

FEATURING TERESA TOMEO

HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) will hold its 97th Annual Convention on Thursday, September 3, 2026, in Quincy. Hosted by the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women, the day will offer prayer, fellowship, and spiritual growth for women across the diocese.

Registration Cost:
 Early Bird: \$60 each. Checks must arrive by July 20
 \$70 each. Checks must arrive by August 15.
 Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board.

BABY BOTTLE Fundraiser

MAY 10 - JUNE 21



<https://rebrand.ly/bbeff>

Give online or by check made payable to Family Life Center.



During our celebration of our First Communicants on June 7 we will have a display of parishioners’ own baptisms and confirmations. If you would like to participate, please submit a picture (email or put in Donna’s box in the sacristy). If you have previously submitted a picture, I still have a copy on file. No need to resubmit.

Reflections Questions for this week—

- How does the Ascension of the Lord Year A challenge you to live your faith more fully?
- What does it mean to be a disciple maker in your daily life?
- How have you experienced the Holy Spirit’s guidance in difficult moments?
- Why is it important to trust in God’s power rather than rely only on yourself?
- How can you help others grow in faith through your words and actions?
- What does Jesus’ promise to be with us always mean to you?
- How do you prepare your heart for His return?
- What are some ways you can step out of your comfort zone to share the Gospel?
- Why do you think Jesus chose to leave His mission in the hands of His followers?
- How can you strengthen your relationship with the Holy Spirit?