

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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5th Sunday of Easter---May 3, 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

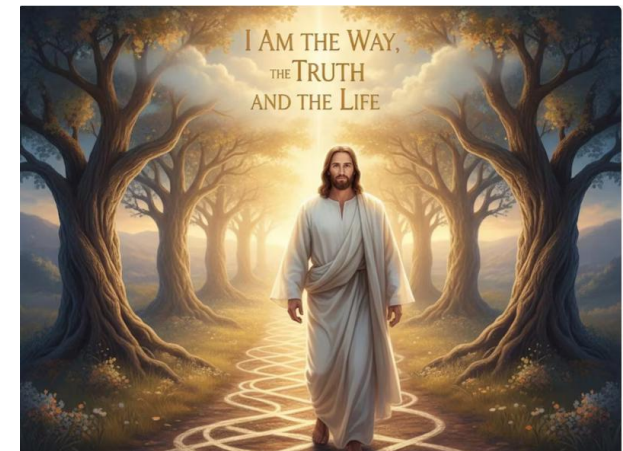
Green Creek Mass Times:
Thursday – 5:15 pm
Adoration 4-5 pm
Friday – 8 am
Saturday – 6 pm
Sunday – 10:00 am

No Adoration/Mass when it falls on a Holy Day

Trusting the Way of Jesus
The 5th Sunday of Easter Year A brings words of comfort and hope from Jesus. He tells His friends not to be afraid. He reminds them that He is the way, the truth, and the life. These words point us to the promise of being with Him forever.

The first reading shows the early Church learning how to care for its people. Leaders are chosen to serve so that the apostles can keep teaching and praying. This shows the value of working together and using our gifts for the good of others.

The second reading calls us living stones, built on Christ the cornerstone. We belong to God and are called to share His light. The Gospel ties it all together, showing us the path to the Father through Jesus. On the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A, we remember that following Him leads us home.



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

One of my favorite poems is one that I tend to want to have a conversation with. “Do not go gently into that good night”, by Dylan Thomas, a Welsh poet who died in 1953 at the age of 39, is such a heartfelt and emotional poem. It is a beautiful tribute to and plea with his father, to not accept death but to fight death with every bit of spirit he can muster. It’s heartfelt and touching piece of work. Reading that poem, hearing it recited is just so provocative.

While the Church has an answer for why death, in and of itself, is not something to be feared, many of us have faced grief, and have had the urge to say, “keep fighting to stay alive; don’t give up.” So, while the answer for death is Jesus Christ, we can still recognize the aspect of grief that is conveyed in this poem by Dylan Thomas.

Catholic art, whether sculptures, poems and songs, paintings, and stained glass, has an aim of raising our minds to God. It’s meant to remind us that God is the source of beauty, and it is through His gifts that those who create art are able to do so. Some secular art is created for the sake of beauty, but also predominantly is to engage our minds. Noticing details, asking the question, “why did the creator make this choice?”, and even to ask the question, “this is considered art? I don’t get it.” Now, to be fair, there is art that I don’t get, don’t appreciate, or don’t like at all; whether I think it’s not beautiful, or that it’s tasteless, or that someone is taking liberties with the word, “art.”

But one of the roles of art is for us to be able to “interrogate” or question the intent of the artist, the method he or she used for a piece, and is there anything that I can take and say, at the very least, “well, this artist took a swing at it.” Not everyone enjoys art museums, poetry, or different types of music. Not everyone has the same interests, and that’s okay. But, hopefully, through the grace of God, there’s something in everyone’s life that helps them to lead with charity, that all of us may try to find the good in others or any number of situations.



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	
Jerry Worman		

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

Good News!

May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Peter 2:4-9 / John 14:1-12

ANN M. GARRIDO

When I was a child, my parents taught me to pray with my hands pressed together, fingers pointed upward toward God. But somewhere along the way, I learned a different posture for prayer: seated, with my palms facing upward on my lap. It’s a gesture of openness—an acknowledgment that I come before God in humble need, ready to receive whatever he wants to give.

In today’s gospel, Philip approaches Jesus in a similar stance of openness. “Show us the Father,” he says, “and that will be enough for us” (John 14:8). Jesus responds that Philip has already seen the Father because Jesus’ words and actions are the Father’s words and actions. Philip needs no more—he has already received “enough.”

Sometimes, I need this reminder myself. I long for a new insight into God that perhaps one more book or one more lecture will give me. Don’t get me wrong: lifelong learning is a wonderful thing, and there is always more of God to discover! But it is important to acknowledge that, like Philip, I have already come to know the Father through Jesus, and everything I need to live the Christian life is already in place. Rather than more knowledge, it is a question of putting into action what I’ve been taught.

Of late, when I pray, I have embraced a new prayer posture: turning my hands downward, resting my palms on my knees. It helps me remember that with Jesus as my shepherd, I “shall not want.” I already have all I need. ●

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Weekly Offering..... April 26, 2026

Adult.....\$1865.00

Loose.....373.00

Total.....\$2238.00

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
May 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5-18
Jn 14:21-26

TUESDAY
May 5
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28
Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY
May 6
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1-6
Jn 15:1-8

THURSDAY
May 7
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7-21
Jn 15:9-11

FRIDAY
May 8
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22-31
Jn 15:12-17

SATURDAY
May 9
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1-10
Jn 15:18-21

SUNDAY
May 10
Sixth Sunday of
Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Pt 3:15-18
Jn 14:15-21

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 June 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

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

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.

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.



† This symbol denotes-deceased.
 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
 Saturday, May 9 – +Dorothy Ruholl
 Sunday, May 10 – +Marita Kemme by Family
 Tuesday, May 12 – +Sally Wakefield by Connie Mullens
 Wednesday, May 13 →+Larry Ferguson by Kathy Ferguson

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



Leslie Kemme 5-4
 Carly Doty 5-5

The family of Nancy Bugger would like to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone, who in any way, participated and/or contributed to Nancy's funeral and celebration of life. We greatly appreciated all the prayers, cards and words of comfort. Also, as hard as we tried, we were not able to keep a list of all the donations of food, but we still want you to know we appreciated your kindness and donations.

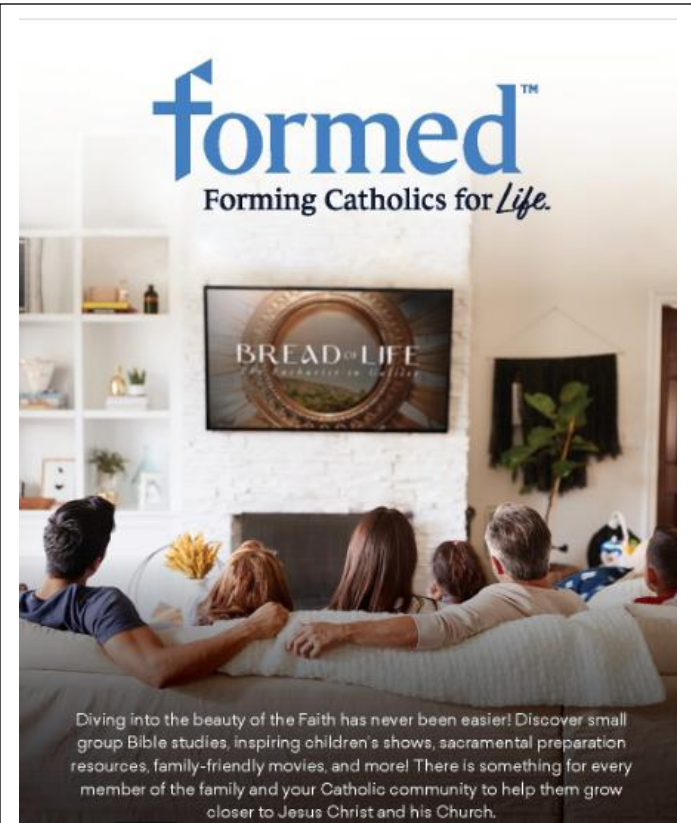
The parish family extends its deepest sympathies to Elaine Sieben and family on the passing of her sister, Ruth Swingler. May she rest in peace.

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.



Parish Council Meeting-
 Wednesday, May 6 @ 6:30pm
 If you have items for the agenda, please contact Fr. Adam.



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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

SonRise Men's Breakfast – once more this Friday--This coming Friday will be our last SonRise breakfast of the Spring season. If you've been thinking about it, now's the time to act. Come hear a personal and powerful look at how Christian action towards others can connect you with 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.



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.

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.



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



The church directories are here!! They can be picked up in the sacristy. Each directory has your name on it. If you cannot find yours, please email or call parishoffice@stmaryshumway.org 1-844-536-6514. Those that ordered 2 your name is on one and the other is paper clipped to it. Thank you.

Names of Graduates will be published in the May 17th bulletin. If you have someone you would like to recognize please email parishoffice@stmaryshumway.org by May 13.

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 first reading show the importance of working together?
 What can we learn from the apostles choosing helpers to serve others?
 How can we apply the message of service to our own lives?
 What does it mean for Jesus to be the way, the truth, and the life?
 How can we trust in Jesus when we face doubts or fears?
 Why is faith more than just believing?
 What does it mean to be a living stone in God's house?
 How can we continue Jesus' work in the world?
 What challenges make it hard to follow Jesus, and how can we overcome them?
 How can we strengthen our faith and help others do the same?