

SAT 4pm	July 4 Independence Day	July 11	July 18	July 25	August 1
Servers	Abby Brown Anna Brown Aubrey Brown	Isaac Wells Fred Dust Tryston Brown	Adeline Brown Madalyne Brown Abby Brown	Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Adeline Brown	Isaac Wells Fred Dust Tryston Brown
Lector	Katrina Davis	Christy Brown	Mike Holland	Alaina Miller	Sara Roepke
Usher	Don Brown Doug Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Justin Miller Don Brown	Doug Brown Jason Wells	Mike Holland Justin Miller
Ministers of Holy Communion	Jesse Davis Beth Spannagel Sara Roepke	Don Brown Kathy Brown Donna Davis	Jesse Davis Rosemary Holland Katrina Davis	Mike Holland Beth Spannagel Sara Roepke	Jesse Davis Don Brown Kathy Brown
Gift Bearers	Joe & Fred Dust	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family	Jason Wells Family	Doug Brown Family
SUN 8am	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	August 2
Servers	Wade Conder Hunter Buehler Zoey Conder	Garrett Hoene Jacob Vonderheide Olivia Vonderheide	Wade Conder Hunter Buehler Zoey Conder	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Jacob Vonderheide	Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder Wade Conder
Lector	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson
Ushers	Larry Lieb Jim Vonderheide	Dennis Koester Shawn Buehler	Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman	Josh Miller Justin Conder	John Neu Don Antrim
Ministers of Holy Communion	Timber Miller Shawn Buehler Linda Doedtman	Jesse Davis Barb Vonderheide Leslie Kemme	Lisa Thompson Timber Miller Shawn Buehler	Jesse Davis Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide	Leslie Kemme Timber Miller Shawn Buehler
Gift Bearers	Greg Michelle Spannagel	Deb Stremming	Wanda Ohnesorge	Lisa Thompson	Rodney Hoene Family
Greeters	George Diana Conder	Tom Helen Doedtman	Ed Leslie Kemme	Jim Mary Miller	John Karen Neu
Money Counters	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell	Hoene Floyd	Kemme Adams	Bales/Richards Hackman/Sheehan
WED. 8am Lectors	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29	Aug.5
	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.

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

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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15th Sunday Ordinary Time -July 12, 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

July Committee: Deb Stremming, Teresa Miller, Angie Vonderheide, Terry Hoene, Carolyn Hackman, Connie Bales

Seeds of God's Promise

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A invites us to think about how God's word works in our lives. Each reading uses simple images from the world around us. Rain, seeds, soil, and harvest all show how God's word brings life and hope. These readings remind us that God always works with purpose.

In Isaiah, we hear how God's word is like rain that makes the earth fruitful. Paul tells us in Romans that creation itself longs for freedom and shares in our hope. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the sower to teach us that our hearts must be ready to receive God's word.

On the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, these passages come together to remind us that God's plan is certain. His word nourishes us, even when life feels dry or hard. With open hearts, we can grow strong in faith and bear much fruit. <https://young-catholics.com>



<https://thewordthisweek.net>

Action Step:

Spend a few quiet minutes reading the Gospel this week. Ask God to help your heart become rich soil.

Reflections in a Mirror

In Matthew 9:1-8, we hear the account of a paralytic being brought to Jesus, by the friends of the paralytic. Jesus pronounces, on the account of their faith, the man's sins forgiven. And, of course, some of the scribes take issue with that, say that Jesus is blaspheming because only God can forgive sins.

Jesus poses a rhetorical question, "which is easier to say, 'your sins are forgiven' or to say 'Rise and walk?'" On the surface, it may seem easier to say, "your sins are forgiven", but if we look a bit deeper we realize it's easier to say "Rise and walk." After all, if the person doesn't rise and walk, if the person isn't healed, it would be easy to say, "well, I did my part, you obviously didn't believe in me and my power enough to be healed." It can also be easier to set up a scam to get people to believe. On the other hand, to say, "your sins are forgiven" means acknowledging the reality of sin; it means understanding that our spiritual life is at the core of who we are. Ultimately, it also means placing our trust in God for a condition, a situation, that we cannot see with our eyes.



Many times, we want Jesus to do something...obvious for us. We want Him to do something that will be visible to us and to all. And sometimes He does, but all throughout the Bible, we see demonstrated that God doesn't want just what's on the surface. That our worship, our love for Him, isn't a matter of only when the Israelites are present at the Temple; it's not a matter of when we're at Church on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Instead, our love for God, our life of faith is meant to infuse all of our lives. It doesn't mean living in fear and torment, it means, living in a manner of, "I love God, does this reflect my love for Him, and does this reflect who I am?"

Reflecting the Image of Jesus Christ



It can be less demanding to live on the surface level, to not listen to the call of Jesus. I know that firsthand. And, yet, I also know that the reward isn't there either. That there's something missing. We all want to be complete, we all want to be whole and healed. But as with medicinal healing or with Physical Therapy, it takes commitment on our part as well. So, as we go throughout our lives, let us pray that we may trust in Jesus to heal us in the way we need most, and trust in His love.

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!



Gracie Jo Miller	Kathy Miller	Pat Kuhns
Greg Spannagel	David Brown	Bill Hamilton
Elsie McKay	Jim Gordon	Christie Dust
Don Clark	Tony Bierman	Helen Kollinger
Kelly Myers Kocher	Tori Schairbaum	Bill Nuxoll
Kenny Hille	Tom Laue	Cinda Held
Trevor Roy	Jerry Worman	Kathy Wakefield
Mardell Sheehan	Steve Moore	

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

MAIN MESSAGE

- God's word is like rain that brings life.
- Hearts that listen and understand bear fruit.
- Struggles are small compared to future glory.
- Creation joins in hope for God's promises.

KEY SCRIPTURE

"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

— Matthew 13:23

THE READINGS

First Reading (Isaiah 55:10-11): God's word is like rain that makes the earth fruitful.

Psalm (Psalm 65): You enrich the land; it overflows with joy.

Second Reading (Romans 8:18-23): Creation waits with hope for future glory.

Gospel (Matthew 13:1-23): The parable of the sower and the soil.

THEMES TO KNOW

- God's word gives life
- Open hearts grow faith
- Challenges can block faith
- Hope in God's promises
- God's creation is full of goodness

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Listen to God's word every day.
- Keep your heart open and ready.
- Let go of distractions, worries, and sin.
- Trust God, even when life is hard.

TRY THIS

Read the Gospel this week. Ask God to help your heart be rich soil.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What keeps me from listening to God's word?
- How can I make my heart more open to God?
- How does hope in heaven help me today?

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Weekly Offering..... July 5, 2026	
Adult.....	\$2442.00
Loose.....	\$338.00
Altar Donations.....	\$25.00
Total.....	\$2805.00
Parish Hall update \$160,114.71	

To reserve the church basement
please call 1-844-536-6514.

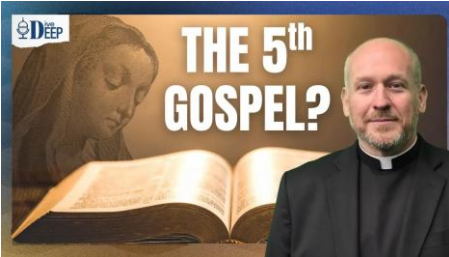
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John Adams 618-322-2874
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Daphne Hoffman 217-821-7268

Funeral Meal Coordinators
Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399
Dot Thomas 217-259-8560

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Catholic Traditions From The Gospel of James – There is a Gospel of James! Who wrote it, when, and what are the themes and traditions Catholics get from this Gospel? And Why did the Church not recognize it as fully inspired by the Holy Spirit? Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://www.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.



EVERY weekend, we will be collecting food for local food pantries. You can find the donation tote in the cry room.



Our **Family in Faith Religion** program (open to ALL ages) will resume on Sept. 13. If anyone feels called to help with program or has ideas about what you would like to see out of our program, please contact Donna Davis. 217-690-2640 or email the church.

Due to poor print quality the directories were reprinted. The NEW DIRECTORIES are in the sacristy. *Each is labeled with your name.*



Family Life is Messy Being a good parent starts with being a great spouse, but being a good parent or even a great spouse is hard, messy work. And we’re not meant to do it alone! So find podcasts like “Fighting the Slow Drift in Marriage”, courses like “Pizza and Parenting”, blog articles like “How to Have a Conversation About Finances without Arguing”, and guides like “Parenting as a Team” that can turn your messy family’s journey into an adventure at [messyfamilyproject.org](https://www.messyfamilyproject.org). If you want to pray with your family, you need to play with them first. Questions? Contact Gracie with the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 217-321-1124 or gortiz@dio.org.

Retreat for married couples offered – Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](https://www.wwme.org) or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Next ones: 7/31/2026 – 8/2/2026, Cape Girardeau, MO 10/9/2026 – 10/11/2026, Springfield, IL

One day enrichment experience for married couples – Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites married couples to experience “God Chose You for Me,” a one-day, seven-hour enrichment experience designed to strengthen your relationship and deepen your spiritual connection. The event will be held Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026, at St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church in O’Fallon, IL, or Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, at Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish in St. Charles, MO. The cost is \$100 per couple, which includes lunch. To register or learn more, contact Eric and Terry Engholm at (931) 994-7882, email Eric.Terry.Engholm@wwme.org or visit [wwme.org](https://www.wwme.org)

Beat the Heat--Triple Play card game in the church basement 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 1-4pm
Beginners welcome. P.S. Bring a jacket.

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life** to Pray for the Protection of All Life at Sacred Heart in Effingham on Wednesday July 22nd. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr Jarek Nowacki, the new pastor will be celebrant for the 6:30 pm Mass. A business meeting will follow in the narthex with refreshments being served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

† This symbol denotes-deceased.



Saturday, July 11 – +Dan Zacha by Shirley Zacha
+Sally Wakefield by David Sherrill Sainer
+Travis Vonderheide by Richard Waldhoff

Sunday, July 12 – +Marita Kemme by Family
Tuesday, July 14 – +Hans Kollinger
Wednesday, July 15 – +Nancy Bugger
Saturday, July 18 – Parishioners of St. Mary’s Annunciation
Sunday, July 19 – +Sally Wakefield by David Sherrill Sainer
Tuesday, July 21 – +Tom Zuber by Teresa Tegeler
Wednesday, July 22 – +Harold Goeckner by George & Diana Conder
+Don Kemme by Duane Joyce Shadwell

To schedule a mass intention please use a mass intention envelope. They are in the cry room in the “mailbox” outside the bathroom. **THE CALENDAR FOR 2026 IS FILLING FAST. I WILL PUT MASS INTENTIONS ON THE FIRST AVAILABLE DATE.** Drop your intention in the collection basket. If you have any questions, contact Donna Davis @1-844-536-6514.

Happy Birthday



Bob Bugger 7-11
Jamie Brown 7-16
Tammy Manhart 7-16
Christie Dust 7-17

Picnic Committee will meet on Tues. July 14 2 6:30pm in the church basement. Would you like to help out...come to the meeting!!

SAVE THE DATE—Annual Parish Picnic will be Saturday, Aug. 15 after 4 pm Mass.

Are you interested in contributing your viewpoint and ideas to the parish council? If so, contact Fr. Adam or one of the parish council members in order to get more information and/or to join. Currently we are in search of two active members of the parish, 18 or older, to join the parish council. Meetings are once a month, starting at 6:30 pm in the church basement, on the first Wednesday of the month.

The parish families extends its sympathies to Roger and Judy Zacha and family on the passing of Roger’s brother, Michael Zacha. May he rest in peace.



Teresa Tomeo is a bestselling author, syndicated Catholic talk show host, and speaker with more than thirty years of experience in print and broadcast media.

Dot Thomas and Irene Koester plan on attending the conference on Thursday, Sept. 3. Early bird registration (\$60) is fast approaching (**checks need to arrive in Quincy by July 20**) so if you would like to attend with them contact Dot Thomas 217-259-8560. Other registrations must be received by Aug. 15 (\$70)

Effingham Catholic Young Adults

July 14th @ 7pm

for young adults 21-35

HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR

Confession available

7pm @ St. Rose
301 Spring Creek Rd., Montrose

8pm @ The Blacktop
409 N. Main St. Dieterich

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"The Effingham Catholic Young Adults invite anyone 21-35 to join for a Holy Hour, Happy Hour.

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One of the opportunities that we offer here at the Parish is FORMED. **"What is FORMED and why does it matter to me?"** you may ask. And both of those are valid questions. FORMED is a media streaming platform that is directly geared towards helping Catholics to grow in our faith. These opportunities include videos, books, and audio offerings. Is every single entry going to strike a chord with you? Probably not. However, I hope you find something that will draw you in. And, at the very least, I implore you to check look at the website.

How do you visit the website? Go to <https://www.formed.org> and at the top of the website will be "find your parish subscription." Click on the link and it will guide you from there.

Faith Lutheran Church Shumway, is having their annual Ice Cream Social, Sunday July 12, 2026 from 4:00 to 7:00p.m. Our menu will consist of Homemade Ice Cream, BBQ, Hot Dogs, pies, cake, and drinks. This will be a FREE will offering. ALL Proceeds to benefit the Holy Trinity Lutheran High School Effingham.

The Effingham Co. Fair is just around the corner. We again are in charge of the Right to Life Booth on Thurs. Aug. 6 from noon to 8pm. Please sign up in the cry room if you can help.

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/>

Reflections Questions for this week—

How do I respond when I hear God's word?
 What distractions keep me from fully accepting God's message?
 When have I felt that my faith was growing strong?
 What challenges have made it hard for me to trust in God?
 How can I prepare my heart to receive God's word?
 What areas of my life need renewal and change?
 How do I see God working even in times of struggle?
 What does it mean to let faith take deep root?
 How can I help others grow in their faith?
 What steps can I take to become more open to God's teachings?




Box of Joy

Cross Catholic Outreach

Help share God's love with a child in need thru our Box of Joy Ministry! This annual outreach provides Christmas Gifts to children living in poverty around the world.

We will be handing out boxes on July 11 & 12th.

Pickup a box, chose whether you would like to pack it for a boy or girl, and select the appropriate age category. Gifts suggestions are included to help you fill your box with items that will bring joy to a child. There is an \$11.00 shipping donation for each box. If you are unable to fill a box, you can still make a donation to help cover shipping cost. Please note do not include food, liquids, medicines, military-themed items, or military toys. Boxes should be returned to the church basement by September 6th. To receive a box or more information please contact Marcella Antrim at 217-690-2473 or Dot Thomas at 217-259-8560

Thank you for helping share the love of Christ and bring joy to children around the world.

Tickets are going very fast for the **Beatification Mass for Fulton Sheen in St. Louis on September 24.** Get your seat on the bus now for the Beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton Sheen on Thursday Sept 24 at The Dome in St. Louis. Seats must be reserved at the Dome, so call now! Cost is \$70 which includes the ticket and bus. Deadline July 31.

8:00am-Leave Effingham Event Center (KC hall-WEST side)
 10:00am- arrive at the Dome, for activities: Confession, Eucharistic adoration, visit (food)vendors, booths, pre-Mass speakers and music!
 1:00 pm- be seated in preparation for Mass
 2:00pm - Mass with Pro-Prefect Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle (on behalf of Pope Leo XIV) and many other priests
 5:00pm -supper (at TBD)
 7:30pm- arrive in Effingham

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