

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



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

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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16th Sunday Ordinary Time -July 19, 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

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Patience and the Kingdom

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A invites us to think about God's patience and care. The readings show us that God is powerful, but He is also gentle. He rules with justice, yet He gives time for change and forgiveness. This balance of strength and mercy is a theme throughout the readings.

In the first reading, we see how God's might is joined with kindness. In the psalm, we hear about His mercy and faithfulness. The second reading reminds us that the Spirit helps us when we cannot find the right words to pray. Each passage points to a God who listens, forgives, and guides.

The Gospel brings these ideas together with parables about seeds, weeds, and yeast. The kingdom of God may look small at first, but it grows in hidden ways. The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A teaches us to trust in this growth and wait with hope.

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Action Step:

Spend a few minutes in quiet prayer this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you listen to God.



<https://thewordthisweek.net>

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
This weekend is the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We hear first from the Book of Wisdom. In which God has care for all, also God deals with us with leniency, that God gives his children hope, and permits repentance for their sins.

If we think about these statements, it should give us a deeper sense of humility and reverence for God, and ultimately a deeper love for him. When we think about the fact that God is all-powerful and controls all things we should be amazed. God is busy even when we forget he’s working...the Sun rising and setting, our bodies taking in our next breath and continuing to function without our willing it. O the power of God! How little do we consider it, even though it's around us and affecting us every day, every hour, every moment of our lives.

God gives us hope by dealing with us with leniency and permits repentance for our sins. This is a gift that I think we too often overlook; I know I do. God doesn’t make snap judgements as we do. He is merciful in that he doesn’t give us the punishment we truly deserve for our sins. Rather, he gives us the opportunity to repent for those sins. This may be the greatest gift God gives us. When you stop and think about it, this aspect of our humanity is mind-blowing. Sin is the one thing we can commit and cannot repair ourselves. We can break the relationship with God but commit to him to fix it. That being said, God won’t do it if we don’t ask for it. As I said before, I think this is a very overlooked gift of God. If we truly appreciated this, the line for the confessional would be crazy long, and unfortunately, it's not. Don’t despair, though, because God is merciful. He gives us time to figure these things out and to come to our senses. Praise the Lord for that! Because I’m a little hard-headed and slow sometimes.

When we look at salvation history, we can see evidence of God’s mercy for his “hard-headed” people. Many times, the people of God would fail to follow His laws, or in some cases, do exactly what he said not to do. Yet He keeps caring for us and allows us a path back to him and to repent and rebuild the loving relationship He wants with us all.

So, we must ask ourselves, “How long has it been since I’ve been to confession?” “Have I been just dismissing the ways I’ve hurt or offended my God?” If the answers to these questions make us squirm in our seats, fear not. God is waiting for you in the person of the Priest to shower you with mercy and love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Yours in Christ,
Jesse R. Davis, Deacon Candidate



PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!

Allen Kessler	Kathy Miller	Pat Kuhns
Gracie Jo Miller	David Brown	Bill Hamilton
Greg Spannagel	Jim Gordon	Christie Dust
Elsie McKay	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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

MAIN MESSAGE

- God is strong and kind.
- He gives time to change.
- His kingdom grows in small and hidden ways.
- The Holy Spirit helps us in prayer.

KEY SCRIPTURE

"Let them grow together until harvest."
(Matthew 13:30)

THEMES TO KNOW

- God is patient and merciful.
- Small beginnings, big growth.
- The Holy Spirit helps us pray.
- God gives time for change.
- Trust in God's timing.

TRY THIS

Spend a few minutes in quiet prayer this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you listen to God.

THE READINGS

FIRST READING
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
God is just and kind; He gives hope.

PSALM
Psalm 86
God is good, merciful, and faithful.

SECOND READING
Romans 8:26-27
The Spirit helps us when we don't know what to pray.

GOSPEL
Matthew 13:24-43
Parables of the weeds, mustard seed, and yeast. The kingdom grows.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Be patient with others.
- Pray, even when words are hard to find.
- Look for God in the small things.
- Trust God's timing.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Where do I see God's patience in my life?
- How can I be more patient with others?
- What small step can I take to grow closer to God?

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Weekly Offering..... July 12, 2026	
Adult.....	\$2210.00
Loose.....	\$328.00
Altar Donations.....	\$10.00
Total.....	\$2548.00
Masses- \$10	
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

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SAINT ANTHONY
PARISH PICNIC

FOOD • FUN • FELLOWSHIP

Saturday & Sunday
Aug 8th-9th

Sat: 5pm to Midnight • Sun: Noon to Midnight
St. Anthony High School
304 E Roadway Ave. • Effingham

GAMES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

• Bingo • Skill Games • Carnival Games • Face Painting
• Fun Zone • Wholly Hog • Beer & Wine • Hamburgers
• Porkburgers • Country Store and more!

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

\$15,000 cash!

Other Prizes include:
• Porch Swing
• \$2,000 CASH
• Farm Raised Beef Bundle
• John Boos Cutting Board
• Various Gift Certificates
Over 35 Prizes to be given away!
See full list of prizes and buy tickets at:
stapicnic.com

OUTDOOR MASS
Sat 4:30pm

On Soccer Field
(bring lawn chairs)

SUNDAY DINNER
11am - 6pm

• Fried Chicken and Grilled Pork (BBQ or plain)
• Baked Potato
• Slaw • Roll • Green Beans
• Desserts • Drinks

carry-out & drive-thru pickup available
11am - 5pm

\$12 Adults
\$5 Kids (Ages 12 and under)

Junior Raffle

Pedal Tractor
Nintendo Switch Lite
Kids Golf Clubs
Princess Spa Package
Apple Watch SE 3
Art Classes
and SO MUCH MORE!!

BULLDOG CHALLENGE

Sat 8:00am
(6.00 registration)

MINI RAFFLES
Enter to win one of **9 amazing prizes!**

See full list of prizes and buy tickets at:
stapicnic.com

For more information call **217-347-7129** or visit **www.stapicnic.com**

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

Thursday, Sept. 3 Registrations must be received by Aug. 15 (\$70). Registrations forms are on the bulletin boards.

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.

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life @ Sacred Heart** in Effingham on Wednesday July 22nd. Rosary at 6:00 pm. 6:30 pm Mass. A business meeting will follow in the narthex.

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/>

† This symbol denotes-deceased.

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

Saturday, July 25 – +Virgino & Manuela Hernandez by Ralph Hernandez
Sunday, July 26 – +Sally Wakefield by Connie Mullens
+Diana Fuesting by Dave Fuesting
+Travis Vonderheide by family

Tuesday, July 28 – +Hans Kollinger
Wednesday, July 29 – +Tom Bales by family



Happy Birthday

John Childerson 7-18

Happy Anniversary

JOE & KAY CONDER 7-18-1964
62 YEARS

DOUG & JAMIE BROWN 7-24-2010
16 YEARS

The parish families extends its sympathies to the family and friends of Don Clark.

May he rest in peace.

Please keep Carolyn and her family in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE –

Annual Parish Picnic will be Saturday, August 15 after 4pm mass. The church will have hot dogs, taco bar, bar-b-que, tea, lemonade, and popcorn. We ask all those attending to bring a dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet in the cry room, please sign up if you are planning on attending. Please feel free to bring yard games and drink of your choice. The picnic will be in the basement. Hope to see everyone there!!!

***We are also asking the YOUTH to sign up for ministries for mass (except Eucharistic ministers). If you would like to participate, please sign up in the cry room.

ST. MARY’S SHUMWAY-- PORK CHOP DINNER
PARISH HALL FUNDRAISER AUGUST 23, 2026
4:00PM-7:00PM
COST: \$15 PER TICKET
DINE-IN & CARRY OUT
@ ST. MARY’S SHUMWAY
2 PORK CHOPS
GREEN BEANS
BAKED POTATO
DINNER ROLL

PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399
Ed Kemme 217-821-3445
Donna Davis 217-690-2640
Howard Dust 217-663-2395

We will begin selling tickets July 25-26!!!

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. NEXT MEETING AUG. 12. (NOTE CHANGE IN WEEK FOR AUGUST)

SELECTIVE ACTION: LAWN CARE VS. DIVINE JUDGMENT | A THEOLOGICAL ANALOGY FROM MATTHEW 13

COMPARING MODERN WEED CONTROL TO THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS

THE COMMERCIAL DYNAMICS vs THE THEOLOGICAL REALITY

MODERN COMMERCIAL:
SELECTIVE KILLER

HUMAN DESIRE FOR IMMEDIATE
PERFECTION & TARGETED FIXES



PROBLEM: The imperfect lawn infested with dandelions, weeds, and mixed vegetation.



APPLICATION: Applying "Selective Herbicide" across the entire lawn.



SOLUTION: Product targets weeds while leaving desirable grass untouched.



COMMERCIAL SYNOPSIS:
A narrator introduces a selective killer to solve a frustrated homeowner's weed problem without harming the desired grass.

THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS:
MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

GOD'S PLAN FOR COEXISTENCE & FINAL HARVEST

THEOLOGICAL CONNECTION:
PARALLEL TO THE MASTER'S FIELD



HUMAN IMPULSE:
"Pull them up!" (v.28)
Servants react to the weeds with immediate, destructive force.



"NO," said the Master, "Lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them."



DIVINE PLAN: "Let both grow together until the harvest." (v.30)



FINAL SORTING: "In the time of harvest... collect the tares and bind them... but gather the wheat into my barn."

<https://thewordthisweek.net/fr-tonys-homily-16th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a/>

Reflections Questions for this week—

What does the parable of the wheat and weeds teach about patience and trust in God?
How have you experienced God's patience in your own life?
What small acts of faith can you nurture, like the mustard seed?
How can you spread goodness in quiet and unnoticed ways, like yeast in dough?
What areas of your life need more trust in God's timing?
How do you respond when you see both good and bad in the world?
What are some hidden ways God might be working in your life right now?
How can you encourage others in their faith, even in small ways?
What helps you stay patient when you do not see immediate results in your spiritual growth?
How can you make space in your life for God's quiet work to take root and grow?



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.

THERE ARE EXTRA BOXES IN THE CRYROOM.
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)

7:30pm- return to Effingham TEXT Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056 dcruholl@hotmail.com

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.

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. **STILL HAVE ONE SLOT TO FILL!!**

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

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