

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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17th Sunday Ordinary Time -July 26, 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

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 1-800-75-ABUSE

The Treasure of God’s Wisdom

On the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the readings help us see what is truly valuable. They remind us that wisdom, faith, and God’s kingdom are worth more than anything else we could ever own. These gifts bring life, joy, and strength when we seek them with open hearts.

In the first reading, Solomon shows us what it means to ask for the right thing. Instead of power or wealth, he asks God for wisdom to guide his people well. God is pleased with his request and grants him understanding greater than anyone before or after.

The Gospel continues this theme by showing that the kingdom of heaven is like hidden treasure or a pearl worth everything. Jesus tells us that when we see its worth, nothing else compares. On the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are reminded to seek what lasts forever, not what fades away.

<https://young-catholics.com>

Action Step:

Spend a few minutes each day asking God for wisdom before making decisions this week.



When preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and looking at some handouts for an Examination of Conscience, it's possible that we may come across some form of the term "scrupulosity." Now, for most people, "scrupulous" and "scrupulosity" aren't common terms and we may wonder what it means. Well, to be scrupulous means to "act in strict regard for what is considered right and proper", according to Merriam-Webster. And, on the surface, that can sound like a good thing. As Catholics, as Christians, we want to do what is right, to live in right relationship with God and with our neighbor. And, yet, it can go too far, unfortunately, just like it did for many of the Pharisees. When we base our faith around scrupulosity, we begin to create rules that we or others should not do because we're so afraid of sin, that we give more power to sin than we do to grace. And when we cross those boundaries that we ourselves have created in order to prevent us from sinning, we can view that as a sin in itself. So we create another boundary, to prevent us from breaking the boundary we created, and we turn that into a sin too. And the cycle continues. And it's tragic, because we wrap ourselves into a bundle of nerves and anxieties. And then as that cycle winds tighter and tighter, a person can, unfortunately, doubt that the mercy and grace of God can affect him or her because the person is so convinced that he or she is such a profound sinner, and maybe isn't even worth saving. But the truth is, everyone is worth saving, as God has created each person in His image and likeness.

Scrupulosity is a tragic experience, and often misunderstood. Perhaps we may wonder how anyone can experience this. But there are some people who do experience it, and we are called to be compassionate towards those who do. Of course, we're called to be compassionate to everyone we encounter.

As I'm on vacation during this next week, on the weekdays, know that I'm praying for you. And I'll pray for you at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Fr. Adam

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.



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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

MAIN MESSAGE

- Seek wisdom from God.
- God's kingdom is our greatest treasure.
- God works for the good of those who love Him.
- Choose what lasts forever.

KEY SCRIPTURE

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."
- Matthew 13:44

THE READINGS

FIRST READING
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Solomon asks for wisdom. God is pleased and grants him great wisdom.

PSALM
Psalm 119
God's words are more precious than gold.

SECOND READING
Romans 8:28-30
God works for good in the lives of those who love Him.

GOSPEL
Matthew 13:44-52
The kingdom is like a treasure and a pearl. In the end, good and bad are separated.

THEMES TO KNOW

- Seek Wisdom
- Great Treasure
- God's Plan
- Judgment and Separation
- Wise Teaching

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Ask God for wisdom every day.
- Choose what is right over what is easy.
- Trust God's plan, even when it's hard.
- Learn from the past and stay open to grow.

TRY THIS

Take a few minutes today to ask God for wisdom.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What is most important to me?
2. How can I seek God's kingdom each day?
3. Do I trust God's plan for my life?

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Weekly Offering..... July 19, 2026
Adult.....\$1365.00
Loose.....\$660.00
Total.....\$2025.00

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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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

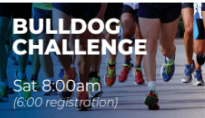
carry-out & drive-thru pickup available
11am - 5pm

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

Junior Raffle

- Pedal Tractor
- 128gb iPad
- Nintendo Switch Lite
- Sony Playstation 5
- Kids Golf Clubs
- Slim
- 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**

SDCCW

ANNUAL CONVENTION

FEATURING TERESA TOMELO



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.

Have you been married 50+ years? Time to celebrate!

On October 4 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to dio.org/events and clicking on the Oct 4 Mass. The reception will showcase all photos submitted in the last two years. Due to the number of couples attending, please only submit photos if you have not done so in past years. Any questions? Call Ruth Staab at 217-698-8500.

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/>



Mass Intentions

† This symbol denotes-deceased.

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 – NO MASS

Wednesday, July 29 – NO MASS

Saturday, August 1 – +Brenda Bales by family

+Lenny Montello by Jane Montello

+Fr. Daren Zehnle by Tom Sandy Zacha

Sunday, August 2 –Parishioners of St. Mary’s Annunciation Parish

Tuesday, August 4 – +Ron Harris by Duane Joyce Shadwell

Wednesday, August 5 - +Don Kemme by Effingham KC 665

Happy Birthday



Kathleen Maisel 7-26

Sara Buehler 7-27

Daphne Hoffman 7-29

Aubrey Brown 7-30

William Vonderheide 7-30

Carolyn Doty 7-30

Happy Anniversary

Theresa & Michael Roley 7-19-25

1 year

Dive Deep Podcast:

The End Times: Rapture vs. Catholic Truth – The rapture. The Antichrist. The end of the world. Are we living in the end times right now? Father Christopher Trummer breaks down what the Catholic Church actually teaches about the end times — and why popular ideas about a secret “rapture” are not Catholic teaching. From the Book of Revelation to the Antichrist, private prophecies, the Final Judgment, and how Catholics should prepare for Christ’s return, this episode separates fear, fiction, and social media hysteria from authentic Catholic theology. Go to youtube.com/diospringfield

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

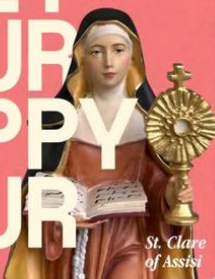
We will begin selling tickets July 25-26!!!

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)

 **Effingham Catholic Young Adults**

August 11th @ 7pm

HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR


St. Clare of Assisi

for young adults 21-35


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HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR

Confession available
7pm @ St. Mary
307 S. 4th St., Shumway
8pm @ Rusty Reel
8724 E. Marine Drive, Effingham

WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT?

And how is God involved in the mix of our wants and our wishes, our dreams and our desires?

May Christ be who we *need*.
May Christ be what we *want*.
May Christ be our deepest *desire*.
May Christ be our fondest *hope* and our finest *dream*.



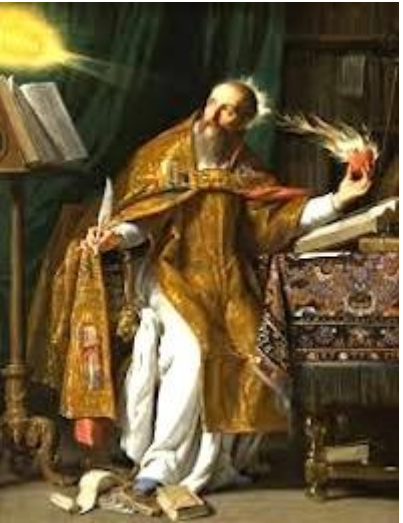
The Restless Search for the True Pearl

Matthew 13:44-52

<https://thewordthisweek.net/>

Saint Augustine famously wrote,
“Our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”

Today’s Gospel speaks directly to this inner longing. The merchant spent his life searching for fine pearls, just as our souls hunger for love, beauty, and truth. Yet, when he encountered the Pearl of Great Price, his searching ended. Augustinian spirituality calls us into community, where we search together for God within our own hearts. God is not just another option among many; He is the ultimate treasure. When we find Him, we joyfully surrender everything else, anchoring our restless hearts in His eternal love.



Reflections Questions for this week—

- What do you treasure most in your life?
- How can you seek wisdom in your daily decisions?
- When have you seen God working for good in your life?
- What does it mean to value God’s kingdom above everything else?
- How can you grow in trust when life does not go as planned?
- In what ways do leaders today need wisdom like Solomon?
- How do Jesus’ parables challenge the way you live?
- What sacrifices have you made to follow God?
- How can you share God’s wisdom with others?
- What step can you take to put God first in your life?



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. **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.

Mattoon Deanery CCW meeting – **SATURDAY, AUG. 8, 2026** “School Daze” St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and School 404 W. Jordon St., Newton. Welcoming ALL women. Come and see what MDCCW is all about! Women of Distinction recipients will be recognized. The Presenter for the day is Kim Higgins – “Sing Praises to the Lord” Registration is 7:45-8:30am, Mass @8:30am. Lunch, meeting and drawing to follow (50/50 raffle replaces white elephant gift). Bring a new friend and get 5 tickets. Bring 5 Kleenex tissue packets and get one ticket for the raffle. Hope to see you all there.

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.