

SAT 4pm	August 1	August 8	August 15- Youth Mass Parish Picnic Volunteers	August 22	August 29
Servers	Isaac Wells Fred Dust Tryston Brown	Anna Brown Madalyne Brown Abby Brown		Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Adeline Brown	Isaac Wells Fred Dust Tryston Brown
Lector	Sara Roepke	Doug Brown	Volunteer	Katrina Davis	Christy Brown
Usher	Mike Holland Justin Miller	Don Brown Jason Wells	Volunteers	Doug Brown Mike Holland	Don Brown Justin Miller
Ministers of Holy Communion	Jesse Davis Don Brown Kathy Brown	Mike Holland Rosemary Holland Beth Spannagel	Sara Roepke Don Brown Kathy Brown	Jesse Davis Donna Davis Rosemary Holland	Mike Holland Katrina Davis Beth Spannagel
Gift Bearers	Doug Brown Family	Jason Wells Family	Volunteers	Joe & Fred Dust	Kathy Brown
SUN 8am	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Servers	Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder Wade Conder	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Hunter Buehler	Jacob Vonderheide Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder	Wade Conder Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene	Olivia Vonderheide Braxton Hoene Jacob Vonderheide
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene	Kathy Adams	Lisa Thompson
Ushers	John Neu Don Antrim	Jason Vonderheide Charly Vonderheide	Larry Lieb Jim Vonderheide	Dennis Koester Gene Doedtman	Shawn Buehler Tom Dodetman
Ministers of Holy Communion	Leslie Kemme Timber Miller Shawn Buehler	Jesse Davis Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide	Jesse Davis Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Shawn Buehler Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide	Jesse Davis Leslie Kemme Timber Miller
Gift Bearers	Rodney Hoene Family	Charly Rhonda Vonderheide	Jim Marylou Vonderheide	Dan Angela Woods	Barb Vonderheide
Greeters	John Karen Neu	Wanda Ohnesorge	Lisa Thompson	Rodney Hoene Family	Charly Rhonda Vonderheide
Money Counters	Bales/Richards Hackman/Sheehan	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell	Hoene Floyd	Kemme Adams
WED. 8am Lectors	Aug. 5	Aug. 12	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	Sept. 2
	Mike Holland	Alice Richards	Irene Koester	Mike Holland	Alice Richards

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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18th Sunday Ordinary Time – August 2, 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
Reconciliation 7-7:45am
Saturday 4:00 pm
Reconciliation-3 -3:45 pm
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

August Committee: Diana Conder, Jodi McCormick, Natalie Tabbert, Hilary Conder, Kristen Buehler, Barb Davis

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God's Love Feeds the Hungry

On the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the readings remind us that God gives freely and cares for his people. In Isaiah, God invites everyone to come and receive food and drink without cost. His covenant is one of love and mercy, offered to all who seek him with open hearts.

The psalm continues this theme by praising God's kindness and care. He satisfies the needs of every creature and is close to those who call on him. His goodness shows that his kingdom is built on compassion and justice, not on power or wealth.

Paul's letter to the Romans assures us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Not hardship, fear, or even death can break this bond. The Gospel then shows Jesus feeding thousands with a small offering, a sign of God's generous care for the hungry.

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A brings together a message of trust and hope. God's love is constant, generous, and always near. We are invited to receive his gifts and to share them with others. In every reading, the focus is on God's abundance and his promise to give life. <https://young-catholics.com>

Action Step:

Look for one person who needs help this week. Share your time, kindness, or resources with them.



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I reflect on the Scripture for this Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, two questions seem to surface. How much do we rely on God? And the question posed by St Paul: "What can separate us from the love of God?"

First, how much do we rely on God? Do we give God the praise every day that is due, for all the blessings we receive daily? Or do we forget about God until Sunday rolls around on the weekend? If you're like me, I know I don't thank God enough for all that I receive every day, especially if I start to count all my blessings. Truthfully, I don't think we can fathom just how much God does for us in every moment of our lives. When we read scripture, we get a glimpse of some of the bigger, more miraculous things God has done and continues to do in our lives. The thing is, sometimes, most times, it isn't miraculous; it's normal things or so regular that we miss it. From the Gospel of Mathew this Sunday, Jesus feeds the 5000, but it makes me wonder whether the people know that a miracle is happening for them? No one announced that Jesus was going to perform a miracle. The apostles had no idea what Jesus was doing even as they started to do as Jesus commanded them, "Take this bread and pass it out to the people." It wasn't a big spectacle, but the basket never ran empty. The apostles were the only ones who knew what was happening; maybe some of the people reflected later, asking themselves How did that happen? Do things sometimes in your life seem to just fall into place? Or maybe a situation that seems bad at the time, but works out for the better in the end in a way you never saw coming. Sometimes we hear people give credit to luck or fate. It is really God who has been caring for us the whole time, watching over us and guiding us. But it's so subtle that we miss it. We should try to start the habit of thanking God daily for the good things that go right and the things that seem to be going wrong, because we never know how God may work it out for us; we just can't see it at the time.

This brings me to the second question, 'What can separate us from the love of God?' St. Paul lists many negative, trying things that could happen in life, but these don't separate us. Not death or life or any creature. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Here is the thing to remember: God never stops loving us. Rather, we separate ourselves from him. Sin doesn't separate us; it damages our relationship with God, which needs repentance and forgiveness to heal. We are the only ones who can separate ourselves from God. How does this happen? Usually slowly and subtly, like God's blessings. We stop repenting of our small sins; we stop praying and giving God thanks; we fail to recognize, or sometimes refuse to recognize, that Jesus Christ is our Savior; and, without the grace of God, we can do nothing. Through our baptisms, we have the Holy Spirit infused in us. We may turn away from God, but it would be like denying our last names. I could deny that I'm a Davis, but that's who I am; it's my DNA. I look like and act like a Davis. Those characteristics are in me; I can't change that. It's the same with the love of God through Christ Jesus. God's plan of salvation was carried out through Jesus for each one of us, and we can't change that. God loves us that much. I remember hearing one of the early church fathers say, "God created us without us, but God won't save us without us." We have a part to play in our salvation; we have to accept it.

So this weekend, take the time to count your blessings, thank God for them, and listen to where the Holy Spirit is calling you and guiding you. We are never alone; God is always with us.

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Candidate
Jesse R. Davis



PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!

Allen Kessler	Kathy Miller	Bill Hamilton
Gracie Jo Miller	David Brown	Christie Dust
Greg Spannagel	Jim Gordon	Helen Kollinger
Elsie McKay	Tony Bierman	Bill Nuxoll
Kelly Myers Kocher	Tori Schairbaum	Cinda Held
Kenny Hille	Tom Laue	Kathy Wakefield
Trevor Roy	Jerry Worman	
Mardell Sheehan	Steve Moore	Call: 1-844-536-6514 to add
	Pat Kuhns	or remove someone.
		Thank You.



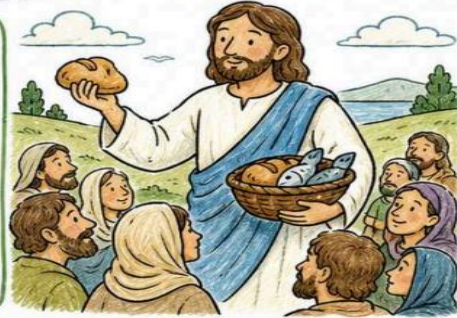
18th SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME



MAIN MESSAGE

- God invites everyone to come.
- He gives freely and cares for all.
- Nothing can separate us from His love.
- Jesus feeds the hungry and satisfies our needs.



KEY SCRIPTURE

"Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- Romans 8:39





FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-3

Come to the Lord and receive life.





PSALM

Psalm 145

The Lord is kind and close to all.



SECOND READING

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Nothing can separate us from God's love.



GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus feeds the five thousand.

THEMES TO KNOW

- God's Generosity
- God's Love is Unbreakable
- Trust in God's Care
- Invitation to Come to God
- Eucharist: Bread of Life



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Trust God with our needs.
- Share what we have with others.
- Remember God's love is always with us.
- Care for the hungry and those in need.



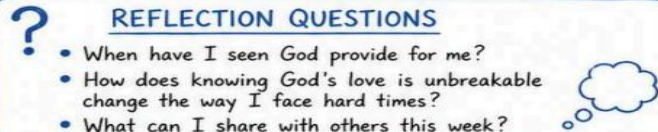
TRY THIS

Share a snack, your time, or a kind word with someone today.



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- When have I seen God provide for me?
- How does knowing God's love is unbreakable change the way I face hard times?
- What can I share with others this week?





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Weekly Offering..... July 26, 2026	
Adult.....	\$1445.00
Loose.....	\$334.00
Total.....	\$1779.00
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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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**

SDCCW
ANNUAL CONVENTION
FEATURING TERESA TOMEO

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/>

† This symbol denotes-deceased.

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, August 8 - +Marita Kemme by Family

Sunday, August 9 - +Colin Woods by Dan Angela Woods

Tuesday, August 11 - +Lucy & Henry Dust by family

Wednesday, August 12 - +Ron Harris by Duane Joyce Shadwell

****Please note on Aug. 11 adoration will be at 7pm instead of 4 pm. Effingham Young Catholics will be having their Holy Hour here on the 11th at 7pm. Mass will still be at 5:15.**

Happy Birthday

Geannine Kessler 8-1
Brittany Nuxoll 8-1
Dwight Storm 8-2
Phil Manhart 8-4
Bishop Paprocki 8-5
Belinda Bledsoe 8-5
Rosemary Holland 8-6
Emily Doedtman 8-7

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.**

Father Adam will be adding another time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and it will be Wednesday morning's from 7 am until 7:45 am, before Mass, starting on August 5th.

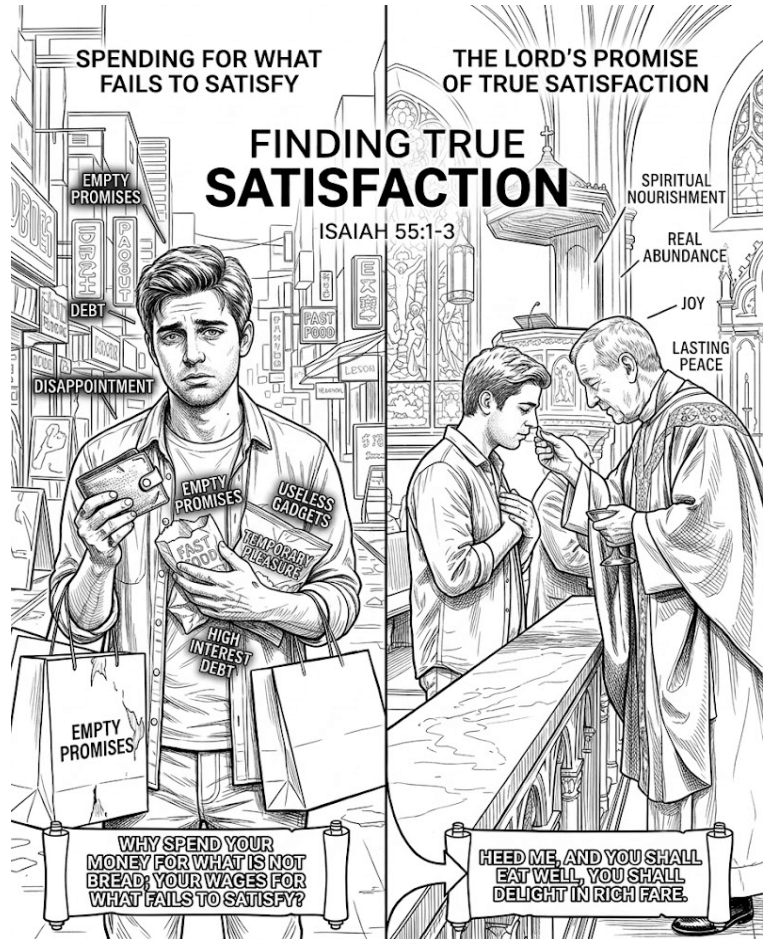
The Effingham Co. Fair is just around the corner. We again are in charge of the Right to Life Booth on Thurs. Aug. 6 from noon to 8pm. Please sign up in the cry room if you can help. **STILL HAVE ONE SLOT TO FILL!!**

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)



<https://thewordthisweek.net/>

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life** to Pray for the Protection of All Life at St Mary's in Shumway on Tuesday August 18th. Adoration at 5pm. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr Adam Prichard will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm Mass. A business meeting will follow in the lower level with refreshments being served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

Mattoon Deanery CCW meeting – **SATURDAY, AUG. 8, 2026** “School Daze” St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 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.

Catholics: do you know our most important book after the Holy Bible? It's the Catechism of the Catholic Church! Come study with us every Thursday beginning September 10th at the St. Anthony Parish Center. Both morning and evening session will be offered, 9:15 am and 6:30 pm. The "Foundations of Faith", series will help us discovering the truth, beauty, and wisdom of the Catholic Faith teachings through the Catechism. Please call the St. Anthony Office to register at 217-347-7129 by Aug 31st. Questions? contact Kate Weber at 217-821-3003 or kateweber51@gmail.com

Reflections Questions for this week—
How do I see God’s generosity in my life?
When have I felt unsure if I had enough, yet God provided?
How does knowing that nothing can separate me from God’s love give me comfort?
What do I learn from Jesus’ response to the hungry crowd?
How does the feeding of the five thousand connect to the Eucharist?
Do I trust that God will provide for my needs?
How can I be more open to receiving God’s gifts?
In what ways can I share what I have with others?
How do these readings challenge me to trust God more?
What steps can I take to rely on God instead of my own strength?



Cross Catholic Outreach

Help share God's love with a child in need thru our Box of Joy Ministry!
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.

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.

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

Effingham Catholic Young Adults

August 11th @7pm

HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR

for young adults 21-35

7pm @ St. Mary
307 S. 4th St., Shumway

8pm @ Rusty Reel
8724 E. Marine Drive, Effingham

Confession available