

SAT 4pm	August 1	August 8	August 15- Youth Mass Parish Picnic	August 22	August 29
Servers	Isaac Wells Fred Dust Tryston Brown	Anna Brown Madalyne Brown Abby Brown	Volunteers	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

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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 20th Sunday Ordinary Time – August 16, 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/Reconciliation 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/Reconciliation 4-5 pm
 Friday – 8 am
 Reconciliation 7-7:45am
 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

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

A Faith That Reaches Out
 The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that God’s love is for all people. The readings show how faith and mercy cross every border. Isaiah speaks of God’s house as a place of prayer for every nation. Paul tells us that God’s gifts are never withdrawn. The Gospel shows us a woman from outside Israel who trusted in Jesus and was heard.
 These passages show the wide embrace of God’s plan. No one is left out if they seek Him with faith. The Canaanite woman’s courage in asking Jesus for help teaches us to keep praying, even when it seems hard. Paul’s message tells us that mercy is for all, and Isaiah’s vision points to a future where every person is welcome to worship.
 On the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the readings remind us that faith, trust, and hope unite people from every land. God’s love reaches past barriers of culture, history, and nation. His call is the same for everyone: come, believe, and be made whole.

Action Step:
 Pray each day this week for someone who needs help, and do not give up asking God.



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Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday, we hear some words from Jesus that seem to be very harsh and rather disrespectful. Jesus tells the Canaanite woman who comes up to him for help, "It's not right to take the food of children and throw it to the dogs". This passage can really unsettle us. This doesn't sound like the all-loving and merciful Jesus we have come to know. Is this the Jesus who, just a couple of Sundays ago, we heard fed 5000 men with 2 loaves of bread and 5 fish? What's going on here? I thought Jesus was all-inclusive and loved everyone? Is Jesus just having a bad day? Maybe he's hungry and tired. I know I can get a little snappy when I'm tired and hungry. This isn't the soft and fluffy Jesus that some want to worship. So, what's really going on here?

To understand this, we need to recall our lessons in salvation history. Now I don't have the time or space to recount all of salvation history in this short article, but we can get a better idea of what's taking place here by remembering a few points from salvation history. We know that all humanity came from our first parents, Adam and Eve, and that man is made in the image and likeness of God. We also will recall that the sons of Adam & Eve had their problems: Cain killed Abel out of jealousy of God's favor because Abel's sacrifice was accepted and Cain's was not. Due to it not being the first fruits, or simply said, improper worship. As we continue, things go from bad to worse, and God chooses Noah, the one faithful man, to survive the great flood with his family. After this, the people continue to fall out of grace with the Lord God, so God calls Abram and makes a covenant with him and blesses his offspring. God's favor goes to Jacob, whom God calls Israel, and he blesses his 12 sons, who become the 12 tribes of Israel. God then leads them out of Egypt because they had gone astray by worshiping the gods of Egypt. The exodus was to reunite the people of God to God in right worship. Later, the 12 tribes split due to infidelity to God; 10 go north, and 2 go south. The 2 in the south are referred to as Judah, hence called Jews. The Jews are called back again to reconcile with God, and so that gets us to where Jesus comes on the scene.

Now I hope you could follow this crash course in salvation history. The point to see is that the people kept falling out of right relationship with God by sinning and choosing other gods instead of the one true God, our Father. Jesus is sent to again reconcile the people to God, first the Jews, then the rest of humanity. So, knowing this history, if we take a second look at this Gospel passage this Sunday, we'll see this harsh address is not hateful or disrespectful but rather a call to repentance, a testing of the faith of this woman; her lineage goes back to God's faithful people as well; it just has been derailed in the past. Jesus knows this; he knows who she is, and this question is to test her faith, as to say, is your faith in God real or is it weak like your ancestors? Jesus sees her heart and knows the strength of her faith and showers her with grace.

So, this gospel passage can make us ask, How's my faith? Is it strong to stand up to testing, or is it weak and falls easily under pressure? I pray that it's strong, but if not, what can I do to change that? It all starts with prayer.

God bless you all,
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
Elsie McKay	Jim Gordon	Helen Kollinger
Kelly Myers Kocher	Tony Bierman	Bill Nuxoll
Kenny Hille	Tori Schairbaum	Cinda Held
Trevor Roy	Tom Laue	Kathy Wakefield
Mardell Sheehan	Jerry Worman	
	Steve Moore	
	Pat Kuhns	

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

MAIN MESSAGE

- God welcomes every nation.
- Faith keeps reaching out.
- Mercy is for everyone.
- Keep trusting God.

THE READINGS

FIRST READING
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Foreigners welcomed by God

PSALM
Psalm 67
All nations praise the Lord

SECOND READING
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
God's mercy reaches all

GOSPEL
Matthew 15:21-28
Faith of the Canaanite woman

KEY SCRIPTURE

"O woman, great is your faith!"
(Matthew 15:28)

THEMES TO KNOW

- God welcomes all
- Persistent prayer
- Mercy for everyone
- Strong faith
- Hope beyond barriers

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Welcome others kindly.
- Keep praying with trust.
- Believe God hears you.
- Share God's love.

TRY THIS

Pray every day this week for someone who needs God's help.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- When do I give up too soon?
- How can I welcome others?
- Where is God asking me to trust?

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Weekly Offering..... Aug. 8, 2026

Adult.....	\$2160.00
Loose.....	\$292.00
Assumption.....	\$100.00
Total.....	\$2552.00
Masses \$20	
Parish Hall update	\$166,536.69

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

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 or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. 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, 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

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/>. Even if you are on the fence about God, remember: God is not on the fence about you.

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. 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.



† This symbol denotes-deceased.

Saturday, August 15 – Parishioners of St. Mary’s-Annunciation

Sunday, August 16 – +Marita Kemme by Family

****Tuesday, August 18** – +Hans Kollinger

Wednesday, August 19 - +Ross & Violet Pautler by Duane & Joyce Shadwell

Saturday, Aug. 22 –+Marita Kemme by Family

Sunday, Aug.23 – +Bob Roepke by family

+Don Kemme by Dot Terry Thomas

+Travis Vonderheide by family

Tuesday, Aug. 25 – +Don Kemme by Tom Helen Doedtman

Wednesday, Aug. 26 – +Hans Kollinger by Helene Kollinger

****On Aug. 18** adoration will be at 5pm and Mass at 6:30pm due to our hosting the Right to Life Meeting.

Happy Birthday



George Conder 8-18

Kay Conder 8-20

HOSPITALITY MEETING- will meet on Wed. Aug. 19th @6:30pm. If you would like to be part of this committee, please come and find out more or you can contact Kathy Adams 217-994-3144



Cross Catholic Outreach Boxes should be returned to the church basement by September 6th. Marcella Antrim 217-690-2473 Dot Thomas at 217-259-8560

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 be needing help on August 23 for the pork chop dinner. We need help setting up, serving, running meals to vehicles and clean up. If you can help with any of these jobs, please let Leslie Kemme know. 217-821-3399.

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.

21st Annual

Spaghetti Lunch

Sponsored by Joe's Pizza & Pasta

Drive-Thru Only

Sunday, September 13, 2026

10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Effingham Event Center

Tickets available at:

Catholic Charities
Any Catholic Charities Advisory Board Member
At the door

\$10
per meal

Employer Lunch Special

Treat your employees to lunch!

20+ tickets \$9 each



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For more information, contact Catholic Charities at 217-857-1458.

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 does the First Reading show that God welcomes all people?
What does Paul say about God's mercy in the Second Reading?
How does the Canaanite woman show persistence in the Gospel?
Have you ever felt like an outsider in your faith? How did you respond?
What does this Gospel teach about perseverance in prayer?
How can you make your church community more welcoming to others?
Why do you think Jesus tested the Canaanite woman's faith?
How does this Sunday's message challenge the way you see others?
What obstacles keep you from trusting God completely?
How can you grow in faith and trust in God's plan for your life?



Mark your calendars!!! Our fall study will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 9 @ 6:30pm. We will do a short study over the Constitutions of Vatican II.

"The opening of the Second Vatican Council took place on October 11, 1962, as bishops from around the world joined Pope St. John XXIII at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Pope Saint Paul VI solemnly concluded the Council December 8, 1965. Of the sixteen documents promulgated during the four years of the Council, four Constitutions stand out as foundational for understanding and bringing about the spiritual and pastoral renewal foreseen by the bishops. These documents have guided the Church during the past sixty years and will continue to shape the life of the Church in the future."

This five-part study of the Constitutions is offered to take up Our Holy Father's invitation to become a synodal Church, a church of communion, participation and mission.

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

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.

The basic schedule will be...

9-10am individual classes (divided by ages- this includes an adult group!!!)

10-1030am large group time

1030-11am Breakfast

We will meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays. There are a few exceptions. A schedule will be handed out on the 13th.

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.

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