

SAT 4pm	August 29	Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26
Servers	Isaac Wells Fred Dust Tryston Brown	Madalyne Brown Abby Brown Anna Brown	Aubrey Brown Adeline Brown Tryston Brown	Issac Wells Fred Dust	Abby Brown Anna Brown Aubrey Brown
Lector	Christy Brown	Mike Holland	Alaina Miller	Sara Roepke	Donna Davis
Usher	Don Brown Justin Miller	Doug Brown Jason Wells	Don Brown Doug Brown	Mike Holland Justin Miller	Jason Wells Don Brown
Ministers of Holy Communion	Mike Holland Katrina Davis Beth Spannagel	Jesse Davis Sara Roepke Don Brown	Kathy Brown Donna Davis Mike Holland	Rosemary Holland Beth Spannagel Sara Roepke	Don Brown Kathy Brown Katrina Davis
Gift Bearers	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family	Jason Wells Family	Joe & Fred Dust
SUN 8am	August 30	Sept. 6	Sept. 13 Family in Faith	Sept. 20	Sept. 27 Family in Faith
Servers	Olivia Vonderheide Braxton Hoene Jacob Vonderheide	Zoey Conder Wade Conder Hunter Buehler	Garrett Hoene Jacob Vonderheide Olivia Vonderheide	Zoey Conder Wade Conder Hunter Buehler	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Jacob Vonderheide
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams
Ushers	Shawn Buehler Tom Dodelman	Gene Doedtman Josh Miller	Justin Conder John Neu	Don Antrim Jason Vonderheide	Charley Vonderheide Larry Lieb
Ministers of Holy Communion	Jesse Davis Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Shawn Buehler Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide	Jesse Davis Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Shawn Buehler Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide	Jesse Davis Leslie Kemme Timber Miller
Gift Bearers	Barb Vonderheide	Jason Pruemer Family	Shawn Buehler Family	Don Marcella Antrim	George Diana Conder
Greeters	Charly Rhonda Vonderheide	Barb Vonderheide	Jason Pruemer Family	Larry Lieb	Don Marcella Antrim
Money Counters	Kemme Adams	Bales/Richards Hackman/Sheehan	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell	Hoene Floyd
WED. 8am Lectors	Aug. 26	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23
	Mike Holland	Alice Richards	Irene Koester	Mike Holland	NO MASS

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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22th Sunday Ordinary Time – August 30, 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

September Committee: Karen Neu, Sandra Laue, Janice Monroe, Carol Levitt

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

Following Christ with Courage

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A invites us to look closely at what it means to follow Jesus. The readings show that God’s call is not always easy. Jeremiah speaks of a fire in his heart that he cannot hold back, even when others laugh at him. God’s word is alive and cannot be silenced.

Paul, in his letter to the Romans, calls us to offer our lives to God. He tells us not to copy the ways of the world but to be renewed in mind and spirit. This is how we learn what pleases God. It is a call to live each day with faith and courage.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells His followers to deny themselves and take up their crosses. He warns that gaining the world is nothing if we lose our souls. On the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are asked to choose the way of Christ, even when it is hard. It is the path that leads to true life.

<https://young-catholics.com>

Action Step:

Ask God for courage to follow Him in one hard choice this week.



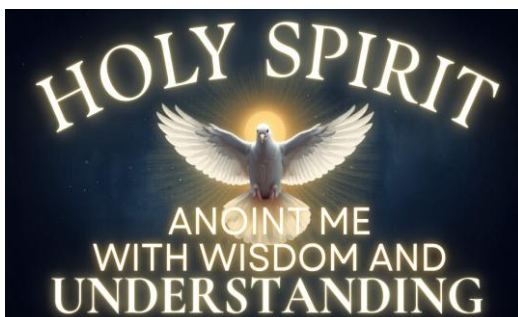
Tilling the Soil of our Souls

When we continue to look at the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we start with Isaiah 11:1-3, which is where we first find the gifts. These distinguished gifts originate in a prophecy of the Messiah, of Jesus Christ, that the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon Him, and the characteristics of the Spirit.

The first characteristic, or gift, is Wisdom. When we look at Wisdom, the main characteristic is discerning the ways of God. And while we heard in last week's Second Reading that the ways of the Lord are unsearchable, wisdom isn't trying to read the mind of God. Instead, wisdom is being in right relationship with God, so that we may be receptive our vocations and understand what He is calling us to do. In his Prayer to Obtain the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, St Bonaventure prays for Wisdom, that he "may taste the life-giving flavors of the fruit of the tree of life, which You truly are." With Wisdom, we understand that Jesus is the fruit, that the cross is the tree of life which Jesus hanged from. It is through approaching and embracing the cross that we are able to receive Jesus, living in the manner He calls us to.

The second gift is Understanding, which helps us to know and comprehend what the Lord has said and accomplished. The Lord spoke in many parables, many of which can be difficult to comprehend; and even when He didn't speak in parables, His teachings can be hard to understand and accept. And when we look at the miracles He did, it's incredible to think of, and then giving us the gift of Salvation. How can anyone understand it? We cannot, unless we have the help of the Holy Spirit.

There is such a richness in Scripture, such a richness in our faith. I cannot and do not claim to know it all. But I am glad to plumb the depths to the extent that I can with you, and continue to learn on the way. Next week, hopefully Counsel and Fortitude, at the least.



PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!

Allen Kessler
Gracie Jo Miller
Elsie McKay
Kelly Myers Kocher
Kenny Hille
Trevor Roy
Mardell Sheehan

Kathy Miller
David Brown
Jim Gordon
Tony Bierman
Tori Schairbaum
Tom Laue
Jerry Worman
Steve Moore
Pat Kuhns

Bill Hamilton
Christie Dust
Helen Kollinger
Bill Nuxoll
Cinda Held
Kathy Wakefield

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

22nd Sunday

in Ordinary Time Year A

MAIN MESSAGE

- God's word gives us courage
- Offer your life to God
- Do not copy the ways of the world
- Take up your cross and follow Jesus

KEY SCRIPTURE

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."
(Matthew 16:24)

THE READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 — God's word burns within Jeremiah

Psalm: Psalm 63 — My soul thirsts for God

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2 — Be renewed in your mind

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27 — Take up your cross and follow Jesus

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Choose what is right, even when it is hard
- Let God guide your thoughts
- Do not let the world shape your choices
- Follow Jesus in small daily sacrifices

THEMES TO KNOW

- Courage to speak truth
- Living for God
- God's ways
- Carrying the cross
- The soul matters

TRY THIS

Pray for courage before one hard choice this week.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What makes it hard to follow Jesus?
- Where do I need courage?
- What is one small cross I can carry with love?

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Weekly Offering..... Aug. 23, 2026

Adult.....\$2148.00
Loose.....\$522.00
Missioners.....\$1390.00
Assumption.....\$30.00
Total.....\$4090.00

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

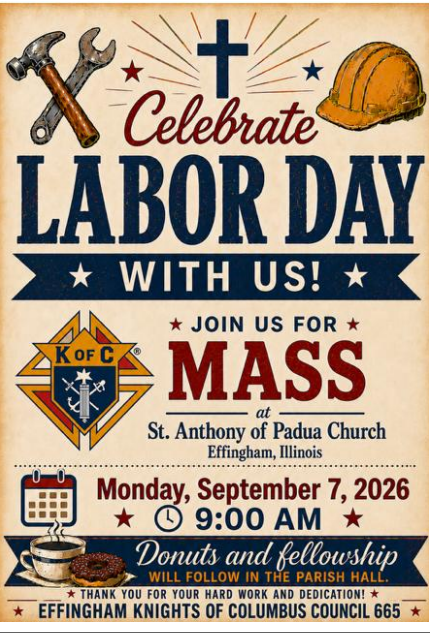
Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399
Dot Thomas 217-259-8560

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

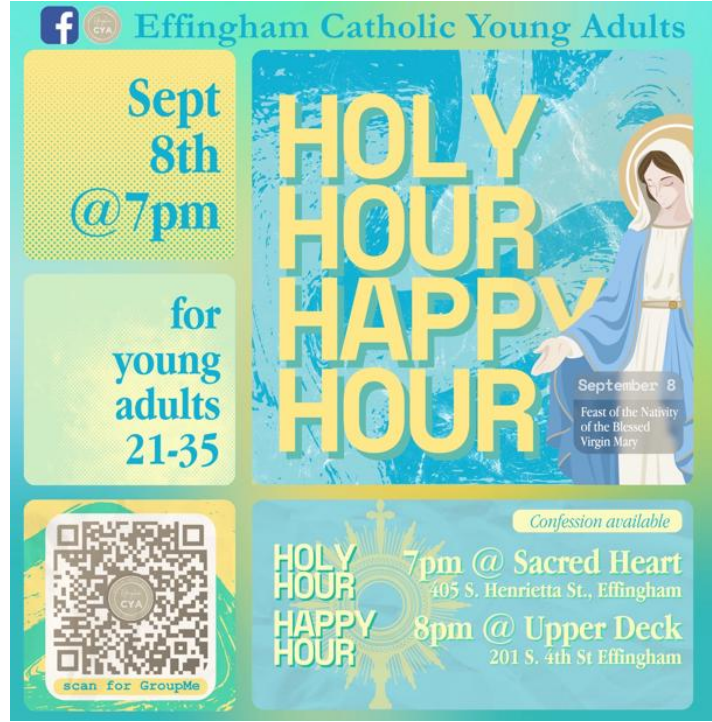
Retreat for married couples offered – Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. 10/9/2026 – 10/11/2026, Springfield, IL

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.



A poster for Labor Day Mass. At the top, it says "Celebrate LABOR DAY WITH US!" with a hammer, wrench, and hard hat. Below that, it says "JOIN US FOR MASS at St. Anthony of Padua Church Effingham, Illinois" with the K of C logo. The date is "Monday, September 7, 2026" at "9:00 AM". It also mentions "Donuts and fellowship WILL FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL." and "THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION!" with the Effingham Knights of Columbus Council 665 logo.



A poster for Holy Hour Happy Hour. It says "Sept 8th @7pm for young adults 21-35". The main text is "HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR" with a picture of the Virgin Mary. It also says "September 8 Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary". At the bottom, it says "Confession available" and "HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR 7pm @ Sacred Heart 405 S. Henrietta St., Effingham 8pm @ Upper Deck 201 S. 4th St Effingham". There is a QR code and a "scan for GroupMe" link.

Are you seriously dating? Next Step is an 8-session program for seriously dating couples who want to discern whether they are called to marriage. It can be completed online as a couple or live in a parish where a married couple will facilitate discussion at tables of four seriously dating couples. You will not be asked to share personal information with the group but only with each other. To learn more, visit discerningmarriage.com or contact Gracie at the Office of Marriage and Family Life at gortiz@dio.org or 217-321-1124.

Called and Courageous Women's Conference in Springfield Coming in October
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/> Flier on bulletin board and at the end of the online bulletin.



Mass Intentions

† This symbol denotes-deceased.

Saturday, Aug. 29 – +Dorothy Ruholl
Sunday, Aug. 30 – +Ed Kirchhoffer by Jim & Mary Miller
Tuesday, Sept. 1 – +Don Kemme by Tom Helen Doedtman
Wednesday, Sept. 2 - +Hans Kollinger
+Marita Kemme by Family
Saturday, Sept. 5 – +Lenny Montello by Jane Montello
+Dan Zacha by Shirley Zacha
+Hans Kollinger
Sunday, Sept. 6 –People of the Parish
Tuesday, Sept. 8 – +Debbie Jones by Teresa Tegeler
Wednesday, Sept. 9 - +Walter & Velma Kirchhofer by Jim Mary Miller



Happy Birthday

Aaron Wells 8-30
Doug Holland 8-31
Josh Spannagel 9-1
Emmalyn Brown 9-1
Roger Nuxoll 9-2
Ben Kemme 9-3
Jacob Vonderheide 9-4
Aubrynn Niebrugge 9-4

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who help with the Pork Chop Dinner and to those who purchased tickets!!!
Thank you to the youth group for being our runners, to all the kitchen help, took money at the door, to those who served drinks, and dipped ice cream, those who help clean up, and BIG THANK YOU to our cooks. Parish Hall Committee!!!



Pork Chop Dinner

Family Life Center Fundraising Banquet
Sept. 11 (Friday), at the Keller Convention Center. You can choose whether you prefer to attend the lunch or the dinner.
- Reservations are required. See bulletin board for flier.
- The featured speaker is Elizabeth Barrett. Elizabeth is a passionate pro-life Christian who shares her powerful testimony of hope, redemption, and the life-changing impact of Abortion Pill Reversal. Inspired by her daughter and her personal journey from hopelessness to joy, she dedicates her time to encouraging women facing unplanned pregnancies and advocating for the protection of unborn children.



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

Effingham Catholic Charities – Spaghetti Lunch
Sunday, Sept. 13 10:30am – 2:00 pm
Drive-thru only \$10 meal
Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Trinity Lutheran in Shumway - Ice Cream Social
Sept 20, 2026 from 4-7pm. Please come join us for a lovely meal followed by delicious dessert.

SonRise Fridays are BACK! – Beginning Sept. 11

SonRise Friday Men’s Breakfast returns to St. Anthony’s Parish Center for men of all area parishes. Filmed in 2026, this new year of That Man Is You! features multiple speakers and brings fresh energy and clarity to foundational teachings. This program will lead men into a deeper understanding of the Fatherhood of God, the meaning of authentic masculinity, and the call to spiritual fatherhood in today’s world. Hot Breakfast available at 6:15 AM, St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham. Prayer, program and discussion from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM. No cost or registration needed. All men are welcome. Learn more at thatmanisyou.com or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Effingham Area Right to Life invites the community to a memorial service on Saturday, September 12, at 9:00am at the Teutopolis Knights of Columbus Memorial to the Unborn, located in front of the Seminary Tower at 210 S. Pearl Street in Teutopolis. Coffee and donuts will be served immediately following. Please join us in prayer as we remember the lives lost to abortion and affirm the sacredness and dignity of every human life. In case of rain, the service will be held inside the Banquet Hall.

Celebrate 25 Years of The Cross at the Crossroads!

The community is invited to celebrate "25 Years of Faith, Hope, and Impact" at The Cross at the Crossroads on Saturday, September 19, from 6:00–9:00pm. As we celebrate the Cross's 25th anniversary, we'll also commemorate the 25th anniversary of September 11, remembering those whose lives were lost and pray for our nation and its leaders. This FREE, family-friendly event will include hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and drinks, live music, a community prayer service, children's activities, a Prayer & Praise Wall, commemorative giveaways, and more! The anniversary will be highlighted by Effingham's first-ever DRONE SHOW at approximately 7:45pm, featuring hundreds of synchronized drones creating beautiful Christian and patriotic images choreographed to music. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join us as we thank God for His faithfulness and pray for our nation. Admission is FREE and all faiths are welcome! Learn more at CrossUSA.org or follow The Cross in Effingham on Facebook and Instagram.

Prayer Campaign for LIFE
Sept. 23 – Nov. 7

We will be joining people of faith across our nation to pray, fast, and serve to end abortion and to fight assisted suicide during the “Prayer Campaign for Life”, 40 days focused on building a pro-life culture. Please consider participating in all 3 parts of this pro-life campaign:

- Part 1: Commit to an hour of prayer on Wednesday, Sept. 23 and Monday, Sept. 28. Come to the church or pray at home if you can not get to church.
- Part 2: Commit to fast for an end to abortion (no sign-up required).
- Part 3: Choose an hour or more to volunteer at the Silk Purse Thrift Store in Effingham. Choose any hours between 9 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Contact Valerie Kemme (217) 663-2738 to get on the schedule.

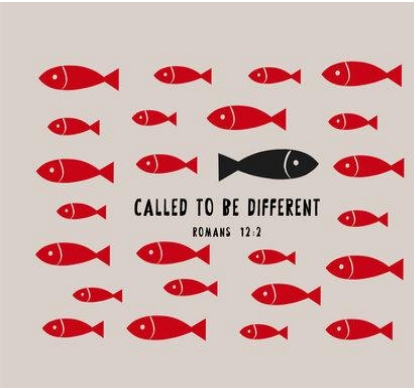
Sign-up sheets are in the cry room.



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

Reflections Questions for this week—

When have you struggled with doubts in your faith?
How does Jeremiah’s story speak to your own experiences?
What are some ways you can renew your mind and focus on God?
What does offering your life to God mean in daily life?
How do you handle suffering and hardship in your faith journey?
Why do you think Peter resisted the idea of Jesus suffering?
What are some worldly things that distract you from following God?
How can you support someone who is going through suffering?
What does taking up your cross mean to you personally?
How can you trust God more in difficult times?



A special request from the Mattoon Deanery CCW...
Phil's Friends - a not-for-profit group that supports cancer victims with a box of comfort items and prayers that they distribute when notified of a recipient. Phil Zielke, a Stage-4 cancer survivor himself, will be speaking at our next meeting on October 21 in Shumway, where we can collect these items on the list. The flier can be found on the bulletin boards or at the end of the online bulletin.

Come Experience DeColores

Need a little time to step away, recharge, and reconnect with God? Join us for a DeColores weekend! DeColores is a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to Christ through prayer, fellowship, laughter, and sharing your faith.

Men’s Weekend: October 15–18	Women’s Weekend: October 22–25
Rector: Doug Atwater • (217) 821-1351	Rectora: Kathy Buenker • (217) 821-3722

Applications are now being accepted, and space is limited! Contact Doug or Kathy for more information or to sign up.

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.

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.

“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.



Phil's Friends is a non-profit Christ centered organization providing **FREE** care packages and monthly Cards of Hope to cancer patients. 250 Care Packages are sent weekly and over 9,000 Cards of Hope mailed each month. As diagnoses increase and awareness of the Phil's Friends mission grows, we anticipate a continued rise in demand.

Your support is key to our mission!

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Donation Drive for Care Package Items

September 1st - October 21st

CARE PACKAGE NEEDS

AMAZON LIST



PF DONATE



BLANKETS

Throw blankets, crocheted, or fleece tied



HATS

Knitted & Crocheted



JOURNALS



PUZZLE BOOKS



FUZZY SOCKS

Women's Only



PLAYING CARDS

No Casino Decks



LOTIONS

Fragrance-free; 6oz. or smaller



LIP BALMS



TOOTHBRUSH & Travel size Toothpaste



If you would like to make a monetary donation to **Phil's Friends**, please use the **QR Code**.
A **\$100** donation sponsors the contents of one Care Package / **\$15** sponsors the shipment of 1 Care Package.

Please note: all items need to be new and unused because our friends with cancer have compromised immune systems.

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



All proceeds support the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities.
For more information, contact Catholic Charities at **217-857-1458**.

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Sat. Oct. 10 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Springfield, IL

What is preventing you from trusting God more deeply?



Mary Ruth Hackett

Speaker, Author, Podcast Host

Life is full of highs and lows, and it can be hard to see where God is in the middle of it all. Discover how to trust God in the messy, real moments of everyday life and learn how your emotions influence your spiritual life and how to challenge the lies that lead to self-criticism, comparison, and discouragement.

Get details and register at go.dio.org/cac or QR code

Questions? Contact Gracie Ortiz at (217) 321-1124

or gortiz@dio.org.



DEADLINE:
OCT. 1