

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 ---Parish Faith Formation	Sept. 20	Sept. 27 ---Parish Faith Formation
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 Dodetman	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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24rd Sunday Ordinary Time – September 13, 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

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THE ADVANTAGE OF FORGIVING: A PATH TO DIVINE HEALING

BY FR. TONY KADAVIL

1 DON'T LET HATRED CONSUME YOU

Forgive before hatred eats away at your ability to forgive. Forgiveness is not easy, but **GOD IS THERE TO HELP US.**

2 BRING THEM TO GOD, NOT JUDGMENT

Offer the individual to God. Say: "Help so-and-so and me to mend our relationship."

3 GIVE IT OVER TO THE LORD

Whatever your hurt, pain, disappointment, fear, or anger, say: "God, I give this over to You. I can't take care of it, but I know You can."

4 LISTEN AND TAKE ACTION

This kind of prayer has to give birth to **ACTION**. Listen: "What would You have me to do?" Acknowledge God's Lordship and trust His power.

5 CHOOSE HEALING, NOT VICTIMHOOD

Withholding forgiveness = Victim

OFFERING FORGIVENESS
= For your own well-being

To err is human, to forgive, DIVINE. (Alexander Pope)

Forgiveness allows us to **move beyond pain, resentment, and anger.**
MAKE THE CHOICE THAT HEALS.

Cultivating the Soil of the Soul

When we think about the words “wisdom” and “knowledge”, we don’t necessarily see the difference between the two; after all, they seem to be different words for a similar, if not the same concept. And, to be real, many of us, including myself, don’t necessarily make it a habit of reflecting on the gift of knowledge, or any of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. So, what is knowledge as a Gift of the Holy Spirit? St. Bonaventure characterized it as being filled with God’s teaching to distinguish between good and evil. Pope Francis spoke of it as comprehending, through creation, the greatness and love of God and His profound relationship with every creature. So, we could come to know that the more we take into ourselves Who God is, that He desires relationship with each of us, with all of creation. The more we believe that, the more we will be able to make that the path to which we are called is not meant to make us miserable, but is directing each of us to who we were created to be in the image and likeness of God. And it is there that we can grow in discernment of the beauty of Good and the desolation of evil, helping to guide us along those paths.

And then we come to piety, not “pie-tie” (even though I’m a fan of several types of pie), but “pie-uh-tee.” And piety is not a word that anyone I personally know uses on a regular basis, so can be incredibly unfamiliar to anyone. And, going back to St. Bonaventure, he refers to the gift that our hearts may filled with kindness. So, piety transforms our hearts, helping us to know that just as we are children of God, so too other people are also children of God. And even if they haven’t been adopted into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism, they are still created in God’s image and likeness. And, so, piety helps us to understand that are relationship with God must drive our relationships with others. That by treating people truthfully, with compassion, we recognize the other person’s inherent dignity as well, leading us to deeper communion with God and His creation.



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
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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Main Message

- God forgives us with mercy
- Let go of anger and grudges
- Forgive others from the heart
- We belong to the Lord

The Readings

First Reading:
Sirach 27:30-28:7 —
Let go of wrath

Psalm:
Psalm 103 —
The Lord is kind
and merciful

Second Reading:
Romans 14:7-9 —
We belong to
the Lord

Gospel:
Matthew 18:21-35 —
Forgive as God
forgives

Try This

→ Choose one grudge
to release. Pray for
that person today.

What This Means For Us

- ♥ Do not keep score
- ♥ Speak calmly after conflict
- ♥ Pray for someone who hurt you
- ♥ Ask forgiveness when you are wrong

Reflection Questions

- ? Why is forgiveness difficult?
- ? How has God shown me mercy?
- ? Who needs my forgiveness?

Key Scripture

“How often must
I forgive?”
(Matthew 18:21)

Themes To Know

- ♥ Mercy
- ✉ Forgiveness
- ✉ Letting go
- ✉ Compassion
- ✉ Belonging to God



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Weekly Offering..... Sept. 6, 2026

Adult.....\$1440.00
Loose.....\$587.37
Total.....\$2027.37

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

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.

St. Isidore Parish, St. Joseph Hall / Church (Island Grove) located at 16987 N 200th St, Teutopolis, IL 62467 will be having its **Annual Fall Breakfast and Raffle from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM on Sunday, October 4, 2026**, at the St. Joseph Hall (Church). Carry-out will be available. The menu will include whole hog sausage, ham, pancakes, fried eggs, scrambled eggs, homemade breads and rolls, orange juice, milk and coffee. Cost this year is a FREE WILL DONATION. The Country Store which will contain homemade baked goods from the members of the parish will be open from 7:30 AM to Noon. The drawing for the quilt and big raffle will be at Noon (do not need to be present). Tickets for the quilt and big raffle will be available for purchase during the breakfast.

EIU Newman Center - Newman Night Are you an alumnus, friend, parent, or have a connection to EIU and the Newman Center? Join us for this year's Newman Night Gala, October 10th, as we form today's students into tomorrow's Saints and Scholars. From Mass and dinner to the silent auction and student awards, it's an evening of celebrating and raising funds for this amazing campus ministry! For more details visit our website at eiunewman.org/newmannight, scan the QR code, call 217-348-0188, or email John Johnson at development@eiunewman.org.



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.

Celebrate 25 Years of The Cross at the Crossroads! 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. This FREE, family-friendly event with food and entertainment. The anniversary will be highlighted by Effingham's first-ever DRONE SHOW at approximately 7:45pm. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Learn more at CrossUSA.org or follow The Cross in Effingham on Facebook and Instagram.



† This symbol denotes-deceased.

Saturday, Sept. 12 – +Sally Wakefield by Connie Mullens
Sunday, Sept. 13 – +Dean Gengler by Family
Tuesday, Sept. 15 –
Wednesday, Sept. 16 - +Carl Gross by Duane & Joyce Shadwell
+Don Kemme by Dave Christy Bales
Saturday, Sept. 19 – People of the Parish
Sunday, Sept. 20 – +Gerald Milliner
+LouAnn Niemerg
+Rich Worman
No masses Tues. Sept. 22 and Wed. Sept. 23

Happy Birthday



Gabriella Wakefield 9-12
Callie Holland 9-14
Theresa Roley 9-15
Angela Woods 9-16
Terry Hoene 9-18
Dave Stremming 9-18
Helen Levi 9-18

Happy Anniversary

JUDY & DAVID CARROLL 9-14-1968
58 years

Our fall study will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 23 @ 6:30pm. We will do a short study over the Constitutions of Vatican II. This nine-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.

Lifelong Faith Formation

Children + Youth + Adults



Our **Parish Faith Formation** program (open to ALL ages) will resume on Sept. 13. 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

This week the schedule will be different from the normal. We will meet as a large group at 9 for discussion and breakfast. We should be finished by 1030.



Upcoming Dates for CCW
--In October we have **Right to Life Sunday October 4**
--**St. Anthony** has invited the ladies of the parish to the **soup supper which will be October 5 starting at 6:00 pm.** at the parish center. Good soups, prizes, guest speaker and sharing our faith. Hope to see you there.
-- **Mattoon Deanery meeting is at Shumway Wednesday October 21st..** It will begin with registration and mass at 8:30. the Shumway CCW will provide lunch. There will be a Donation drive for cancer patients. Phil Zielke is the speaker for the meeting of October 21st.



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**.

CALLED AND COURAGEOUS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

LIVING WITH PURPOSE AND UNDERSTANDING OUR WORTH

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