

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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25th Sunday Ordinary Time – September 20, 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 Gift of God’s Generosity

The readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A remind us that God’s mercy and generosity go far beyond what we expect. He invites everyone to turn to Him, no matter how late they come. His ways are not like ours. Where people see limits, God offers grace without measure.

Isaiah calls us to seek the Lord while He is near. God is patient and ready to forgive. The psalm praises Him as kind and slow to anger. Paul teaches us to live in a way that honors Christ, whether in life or death. Each passage shows faith as a response to God’s goodness.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the workers in the vineyard. The landowner pays them all the same, no matter when they began. It may seem unfair, but Jesus shows that God’s love does not follow human rules. On the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are reminded that God’s mercy is for all who say yes to His call.

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5 WAYS TO GROW IN Generosity

SPEND TIME WITH JESUS

REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE

GIVE WITH GRATITUDE

START SMALL

TRUST GOD WITH THE OUTCOME

Is God unfair?

In this Sunday's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus tells a parable to illustrate the kingdom of God. The landowner goes out and hires laborers, some at the beginning of the day and some at the end, and when it comes time to pay them, they all get the same pay. This can seem a bit unfair to those who worked the entire day. We often have to remind ourselves to stop thinking with the mind of the world and rather think of things with the mind of God (as if that's possible, but we try).

Our secular, worldly thinking is driven by self-preservation, judgement, and competition. We hold that equal rights keep things fair for everyone. These seem to be good things, but they can be a stumbling block for us to get to heaven. Satan likes to use these against us. Self-preservation seems like a good idea. Doing what's best for oneself is essential for us to be prosperous and provide for our well-being. The problem with it is that it doesn't follow the teachings of Jesus to have a servant's heart and to put the love of our neighbor before ourselves. Judgment, besides being an instant response, we use this as a way to place value on those around us simply from their appearance or actions. We feel this is good in helping us qualify suitability for ourselves as well as others. The problem with judgement is that we use it at the surface level. We don't get the facts before we impose it. The Gospels tell us not to judge our brothers; only God can judge because God judges the heart of a person. Satan uses this to divide us from one another.

Competition...we make everything a competition these days. We hide it under the guise of "healthy competition," fostering strength, dedication, and a good work ethic, which can happen, but at the cost of stealing our focus from God and making us self-centered even while participating on a team. Satan enjoys us fighting against each other and focusing on this meaningless contest and not on God and living according to his commands.

We need to remember that, when reading this parable, it compares to Heaven. It's not labor that God is offering; it's his Love. God's love is for everyone at all times. We simply have to accept it and allow it to conform us more to God. This is why it's offered in the Church through baptism to infants as well as adults and even those at death's door who have not done so yet. Through repentance and faith in Christ Jesus, God opens to us everlasting life. Jesus tells us he came to call sinners, not the righteous. Isaiah tells us that God's ways are not our ways.

We often can become the biggest obstacle to the love God has for us. We need to remember always that God loves us, and every person, whether we like them or not, whether they are our enemies or not, everyone is welcome in God's love, for he created us all. So as we go forth from this weekend, we need to ask ourselves: how can I be more God-minded and see those around me as God sees them?

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
Elsie McKay	Jim Gordon	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	
	Pat Kuhns	

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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time





Main Message

- God's ways are greater than our ways.
- God welcomes everyone who turns to him.
- Grace is a gift, not something we earn.
- We can rejoice when others receive mercy.



Key Scripture

Are you envious because I am generous?
Matthew 20:15



The Readings



First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9
Seek the Lord. His ways are greater than ours.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145
The Lord is gracious and merciful to all.



Second Reading

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Live in a way worthy of the Gospel.



Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16a
The landowner gives generously to every worker.





Themes to Know

- God's generous mercy
- Grace for everyone
- Trusting God's goodness
- Letting go of envy
- Welcoming those who feel left out





What This Means for Us

- God's love cannot be measured by comparison.
- Another person's blessing does not lessen ours.
- No one comes too late to receive God's grace.
- We are called to celebrate God's goodness.



Try This

Encourage someone who feels left out.
Remind that person that God's love is always near.





Reflection Questions

- When do I compare myself with others?
- Can I rejoice when someone else receives something good?
- Who might need to feel welcomed this week?

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Weekly Offering..... Sept. 13, 2026	
Adult.....	\$1062.00
Loose.....	\$339.00
Building Fund.....	\$50.00
Total.....	\$1451.00
Parish Hall update \$166,536.69	

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

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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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.

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.



† This symbol denotes-deceased.

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

Saturday, Sept. 26 - +Nancy Bugger

Sunday, Sept. 27 - +Colin Woods by Dan Angela Woods

+Marita Kemme by Family

+Don Kemme by Don Marcella Antrim

Tuesday, Sept. 29 – +Ron Harris by Teresa Tegeler

Wednesday, Sept. 30 - +Ed Kirchhofer by Jim Mary Miller



Happy Birthday



David Brown 9-19
Kathy Worm 9-20
Nash Wakefield 9-22
Alyssa Preumer 9-23
Joe Holland 9-23
Charly Vonderheide 9-23
Steve Roepke 9-24
Peyton Manhart 9-24

Happy Anniversary

George & Diana Conder 9-19-1981
45 years

Roger & Judy Zacha 9-19-1987
39 years

Jesse & Christina Niebrugge 9-24-2011
15 years

Lifelong Faith Formation

Children + Youth + Adults



Our **Parish Faith Formation** program (open to ALL ages) will meet on Sept. 27.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

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.



The parish family extends its deepest sympathies to Sandra Laue & Karen Neu and families on the passing of their mother, Marcella Bierman. May she rest in peace.

Travel with Fr. Adam Prichard, of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Shumway, IL/ St. Mary Help of Christians Church Effingham (Green Creek), IL on our Pilgrimage to Japan
Where: Tokyo • Hiroshima • Nagasaki • Kyoto • Osaka
Dates: September 13 to September 22, 2027 Cost: \$6,999.00 Airfare and ALL-Included except lunches & travel insurance To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com Registration lines open on weekends!

SonRise Fridays are for ALL MEN

God gave Adam a sacred mission: to till and keep the garden. When Adam failed to protect what had been entrusted to him, paradise was lost and the mission field became a battlefield. This week we will look to Jesus, the new Adam, to learn how authentic men enter that battle.

SonRise Friday Men’s Breakfast IS EVERY FRIDAY and ALL men of area Churches are INVITED.

Christ shows us that masculine strength is not given to dominate others, but to serve, sacrifice, and fight for them. Discover the weapons of God and the personal mission he has entrusted to each of us.

Hot Breakfast is ready at 6:15 AM, St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham. Prayer, program and discussion from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM.

All men are welcome. Learn more at thatmanisyou.com or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495.

Dive Deep Podcast: Why The Devil Hates Mary More Than Jesus – Why does the devil really hate Mary more than Jesus, do Catholics really worship Mary, what can Mary actually do for us, and why is the Rosary so powerful? We talk all things Mary with Fr. Tony Stephens, Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin, the only approved Marian apparition site in the U.S. Go to youtube.com/diospringfield or search “Dive Deep” on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.



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.

Reflections Questions for this week—

How does Isaiah’s call to seek God challenge your daily life?
Have you ever struggled with feelings of unfairness in your faith journey?
What does Paul’s attitude toward life and death teach you about trusting God?
How does the gospel parable change your understanding of God’s generosity?
Do you ever compare yourself to others in your faith or work?
What does it mean to serve God without expecting rewards?
How can you show gratitude for God’s mercy in your daily actions?
In what ways can you support the dignity of work and fair treatment of others?
How does humility help you accept God’s ways, even when you don’t understand them?

What step can you take this week to grow in trust and gratitude toward God?



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
Rector: Doug Atwater • (217) 821-1351

Women’s Weekend: October 22–25
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.

Upcoming Dates for CCW

--In October we have **Right to Life Sunday October 4**. The newly baptized and Young at Heart will be recognized. There will be breakfast and fellowship after Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. Please bring a breakfast dish to share.

--**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.

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.

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





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!

Deanery of Catholic Women

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.

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?**



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.

Mary Ruth Hackett

Speaker, Author, Podcast Host

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