

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
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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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23rd Sunday Ordinary Time – September 6, 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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A Community Built on Love

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that faith is lived in relationship with others. God does not call us to walk alone. We are asked to care for one another, to guide each other, and to live in love. These readings show how warning, correction, and forgiveness are all part of belonging to God’s people.

In the first reading, Ezekiel is told to be a watchman. His duty is to speak up when others stray. This shows that silence can also bring guilt. God’s word is not only about comfort but also about responsibility. We are called to speak truth with courage, even when it is hard.

The second reading tells us that love fulfills every commandment. To love our neighbor is to follow God’s law. Love never harms, but instead brings peace and unity. The Gospel builds on this by showing how to handle conflict. Jesus tells us that when we come together in His name, He is with us.

On the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the message is clear. Love guides correction, warning, and reconciliation. Community is where God’s presence is made real, and where faith grows strong.

<https://young-catholics.com>

Action Step:

Pray for someone you find difficult. Ask God to help you speak and act with love.



Cultivating the Soil of the Soul

When we talk about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it can be easy to just think about them as a list to memorize: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. And memorization is good. When we memorize something, it's because it's significant to us, for any number of reasons. And that seems to be something that we can hold on to, to help us understand why we have it memorized: knowing that it is significant for us and our lives.

We can see this in the fruit of the Spirit that is Counsel, which St. Bonaventure characterizes as assisting us in following in the footsteps of God and proceeding upon the path of righteousness. How does this gift do this? Some would call it the gift of intuition, as it can be described as the Holy Spirit speaking to the heart and, in an instant, enlightens a person in what to do. And, of course, we know that the gift of Counsel will not contradict Scripture or the doctrine of the Church. It may not be conventional, people may look at us strangely at times, but the Spirit will and does lead us in the way we need to go.

How do we remain in our convictions though? How do we face those who may insult, mock, or even more strongly persecute us in our mission to live out our lives in accordance with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? Well, this is where the gift of Fortitude comes in. St. Bonaventure refers to it as the gift that helps us to meet the violence of our enemies' assaults. St. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 6, that this is a spiritual battle, that we need the armor of God, which is our faith. Fortitude is the gift of having a strength in doing good and avoiding evil, especially in danger, because we know we have the assurance of everlasting life.

And so we continue to see, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are incredibly important to cultivate and rely on. We pray that our hearts may be aflame with love for God and our neighbor.

The graphic is a rectangular panel with a metallic, riveted texture. At the top, the text "PUT ON THE FULL" is in a small, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, "ARMOR OF GOD" is in a larger, bold, serif font. Underneath the title, there are six icons arranged horizontally: a belt, a breastplate, a pair of shoes, a shield, a helmet, and a sword. Below each icon, the corresponding piece of armor is labeled in a small, bold, sans-serif font: "BELT OF TRUTH", "BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS", "SHOES OF PEACE", "SHIELD OF FAITH", "HELMET OF SALVATION", and "SWORD OF THE SPIRIT".

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Trevor Roy	Tom Laue	Kathy Wakefield
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	Steve Moore	Call: 1-844-536-6514 to add
	Pat Kuhns	or remove someone.
		Thank You

23rd Sunday

in Ordinary Time Year A




MAIN MESSAGE

- God calls us to care for one another
- Love guides correction and forgiveness
- Speak truth with kindness
- Jesus is present when we gather in his name



KEY SCRIPTURE

"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

(Matthew 18:15)

THE READINGS

- First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9
– Watchman and warning
- Psalm: Psalm 95
– Listen and do not harden your heart
- Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10
– Love fulfills the law
- Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20
– Correction, prayer, and community

THEMES TO KNOW

	Responsibility for others
	Love of neighbor
	Kind correction
	Prayer together
	Jesus with us

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Care when someone is struggling
- Use kind words during conflict
- Pray with others
- Choose love over anger

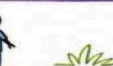
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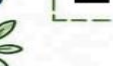
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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- When is it hard to speak with kindness?
- How can I help build peace?
- Where do I need to listen better?







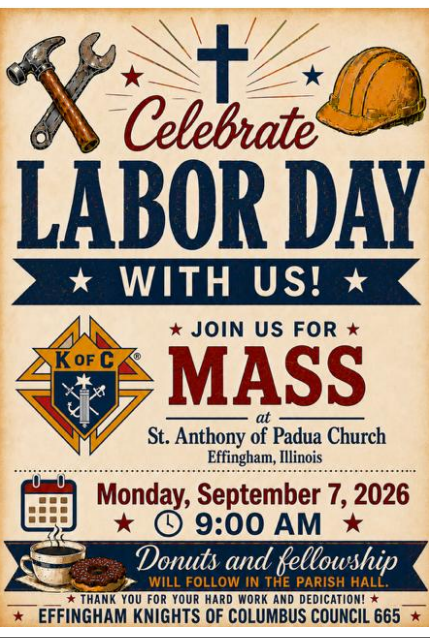
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Beat the Heat--Triple Play card game in
the church basement 2nd & 4th
Wednesdays 1-4pm
Beginners welcome. P.S. Bring a jacket.

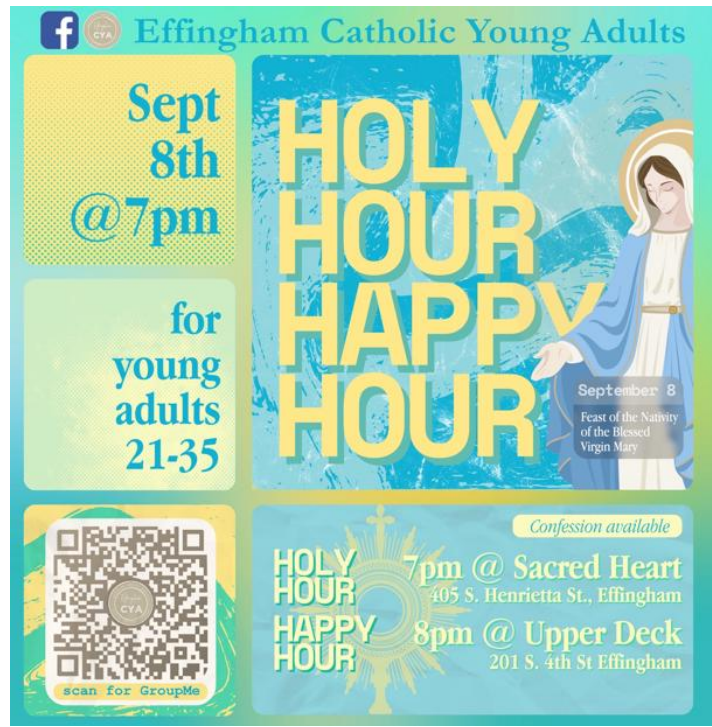
Funeral Meal Coordinators
Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399
Dot Thomas 217-259-8560

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

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, there is a hammer and wrench crossed, a large cross, and a hard hat. The text reads "Celebrate LABOR DAY WITH US!". Below this is the K of C logo and "JOIN US FOR MASS at St. Anthony of Padua Church Effingham, Illinois". The date and time are "Monday, September 7, 2026 9:00 AM". At the bottom, it says "Donuts and fellowship WILL FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL." and "THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION! EFFINGHAM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 665".



A poster for Holy Hour Happy Hour. It features a Facebook icon and "CFA" logo, followed by "Effingham Catholic Young Adults". The main text says "Sept 8th @7pm for young adults 21-35". The title "HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR" is in large yellow letters. Below the title is an illustration of the Virgin Mary. To the right, it says "September 8 Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary". At the bottom, there is a QR code with "scan for GroupMe" and a "Confession available" banner. The locations and times are "7pm @ Sacred Heart 405 S. Henrietta St., Effingham" and "8pm @ Upper Deck 201 S. 4th St Effingham".

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

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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

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

Happy Birthday



Wade Conder 9-5
Mila Wakefield 9-5
Gracie Jo Miller 9-8
Ron Wakefield 9-8
Michelle Spannagel 9-9
Allen Kessler 9-11

Happy Anniversary

JOSH & BETH SPANNAGEL 9-5-2009
17 years

Dan & Angela Woods 9-7-1985
41 years

CHAD & VANESSA KESSLER 9-10-2016
10 years

Upcoming Dates for CCW
--The CCW meeting is Tuesday September 8 at 6:30. The September and October committees are encouraged to attend.
--In October we have Right to Life Sunday October 4
-- 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.

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 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.

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.

Youth Group will meet this Sunday, Sept. 6 from 6-7pm. Join us to learn about the year ahead and enjoy fun and fellowship. Snacks will be provided.



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.

Volunteer for the historic Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen – Volunteers are needed to assist with a historic moment in the Church. The Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen will be taking place Sept 24 in St. Louis MO. We need volunteers who are 18 years or older to serve in a variety of hospitality and event support roles throughout the beatification week. Visit celebratesheen.com/volunteer for more information.

Reflections Questions for this week—

Have you ever had to correct someone with kindness? How did it go?
How do you handle conflict in your own life?
Why do you think Jesus gives a process for resolving disputes?
What does it mean to be responsible for others in faith?
How can love guide the way you correct or help someone?
Have you ever spoken out against wrongdoing? What happened?
Why is silence in the face of injustice a problem?
How can prayer help in making difficult decisions?
What role does the church play in helping people grow in faith?



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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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**.

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Questions? Contact Gracie Ortiz at (217) 321-1124
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OCT. 1