SAT 4pm	Sept. 26	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 24
Servers	Abby Brown Anna Brown Aubrey Brown	Adeline Brown Isaac Wells Fred Dust	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown	Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Adeline Brown	Isaac Wells Fred Dust Tryston Brown
Lector	Donna Davis	Katrina Davis	Doug Brown	Sara Roepke	Christy Brown
Usher	Jason Wells Don Brown	Doug Brown Mike Holland	Justin Miller Don Brown	Doug Brown Jason Wells	Mike Holland Justin Miller
Ministers of Holy Communion	Don Brown Kathy Brown Katrina Davis	Jesse Davis Donna Davis Rosemary Holland	Mike Holland Katrina Davis Beth Spannagel	Don Brown Kathy Brown Donna Davis	Sara Roepke Rosemary Holland Katrina Davis
Gift Bearers	Joe & Fred Dust	Kathy Brown	Doug Brown Family	Don Brown Family	Jason Wells Family
SUN 8am	**Sept. 27 ---Parish Faith Formation**	**Oct. 4-Respect Life Sunday**	**Oct. 11 ---Parish Faith Formation**	**Oct. 18**	**Oct. 25 ---Parish Faith Formation**
Servers	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Jacob Vonderheide	Zoey Conder Wade Conder Olivia Vonderheide	Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene	Jacob Vonderheide Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder	Wade Conder Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene
Lector	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene
Ushers	Charley Vonderheide Larry Lieb	Jim Vonderheide Dennis Koester	Shawn Buehler Gene Doedtman	Tom Doedtman Justin Conder	John Neu Don Antrim
Ministers of Holy Communion	Jesse Davis Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Shawn Buehler Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide	Jesse Davis Leslie Kemme Barb Vonderheide	Leslie Kemme Lisa Thompson Shawn Buehler	Jesse Davis Shawn Buehler Lisa Thompson
Gift Bearers	George Diana Conder	Jason Vonderheide Family	Tom Helen Doedtman	Allen Geannine Kessler	Ed Leslie Kemme
Greeters	Don Marcella Antrim	George Diana Conder	Ed Leslie Kemme	Tom Helen Doedtman	Jim Mary Miller
Money Counters	Hoene Floyd	Kemme Adams	Bales/Richards Sheehan/Hackman	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell
WED. 8am Lectors	**Sept. 30**	**Oct. 7**	**Oct. 14**	**Oct. 21**	**Oct. 28**
	Alice Richards	Irene Koester	Mike Holland	Alice Richards	Irene Koester

Interested in becoming more involved in Mass? Volunteer for one of the ministries above!!! Contact Donna Davis.

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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29th Sunday Ordinary Time – October 18, 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

Trusting God in Every Power

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A teaches that God's power reaches everywhere. He can work through anyone, even people who do not know Him. In the first reading, God uses Cyrus, a foreign king, to help Israel. This shows that God's plans move through all nations and rulers. Nothing is beyond His reach.

The psalm reminds us that all the earth should praise the LORD. His justice and strength rule over every land. We are called to honor Him, not just with words, but with how we live each day. The Lord is the true ruler of all creation.

In the Gospel, Jesus faces a test about loyalty. His answer is simple but wise: give Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give God what belongs to God. On the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are reminded that faith calls for balance. We live in this world, but our hearts belong to God alone.
https://young-catholics.com/

October Committee: Jenni McKay, Lacey Krueger, Rita McKay, Timber Miller, Marydon McKay, Gail Brandt

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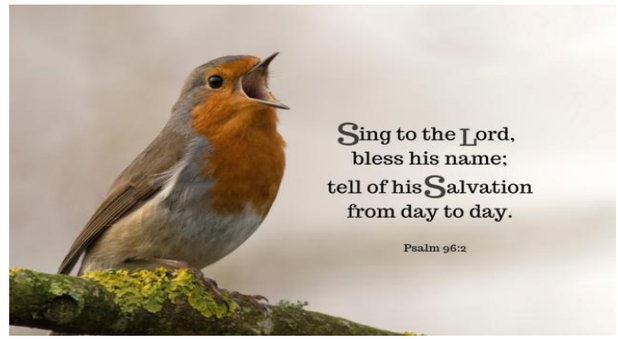

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

We hear in this week's gospel from Matthew that the Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus in his words, so as to bring some kind of charge against him. When asked Should we pay the census tax? They think that they have Jesus right where they want him. If he says no, he is seen as an opponent of Caesar, and if he says yes, then he is seen as opposing God. But Jesus knows the plans in their hearts, and answers, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God”, satisfying both parties. Jesus does not deny the God-given authority of a just government. We realize that God allows those people their authority and that he can work through them as well if he chooses. We see God do this in our first reading from Isaiah. God uses the king of Persia to bring his people back to their land, Jerusalem, and to reaffirm that there is only one God; there is no other.

My friend Jerry Vogt had a saying inspired by this teaching of Jesus; he would say, “Give to God what belongs to God, and to Uncle Sam what belongs to Uncle Sam, and not a penny more”. Being a devout Catholic and an accountant, Jerry knew we have a duty to both God and our government authorities. Jesus shows us that we need to keep God first in our lives and keep the things of this world rightly ordered. Yes, we are under the rule of our government authorities in the world, but we are not to make them our gods. We should not get so wrapped up in politics that we forget who is really in charge, the one and only God. We need to stop and ask ourselves: Do I give to God what he is owed, namely my heart? Is he the king of my life? It’s not simply enough to pay a tithe to church. Yes, we should be giving God our first fruits, but God wants all of us; in return, we receive a river of mercy and eternal life. That’s the return on an investment you can get.

Deacon Candidate, Jesse Davis

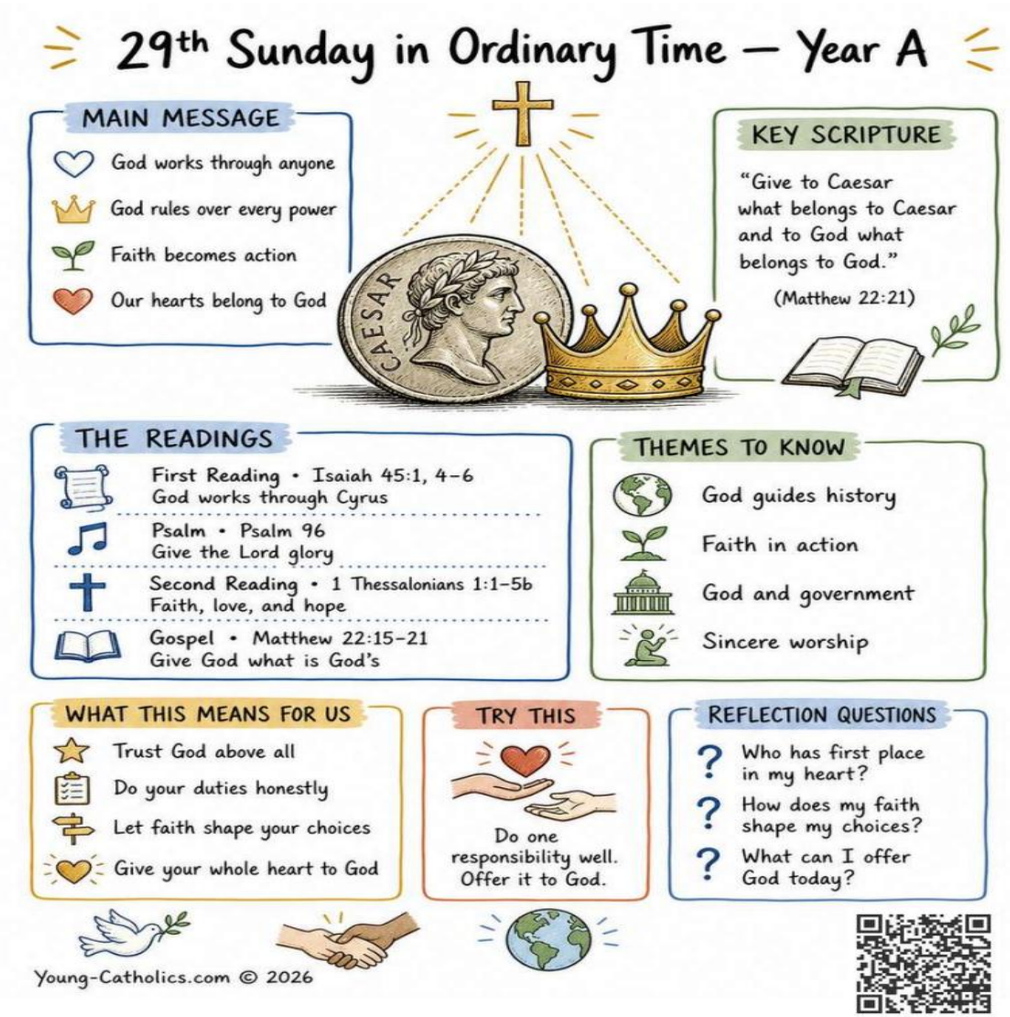
PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!

Rosemary Vonderheide
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.



Weekly Offering…… Oct. 11, 2026
Adult……$1365.00
Loose……$438.00
Total……$1803.00

Parish Hall update $171560.60

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

St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Neoga is hosting their annual breakfast on Sunday, Nov 1st. Serving from 7:00-noon. Come and enjoy whole hog sausage, biscuits and gravy, eggs and homemade bread or rolls. Lots of raffle prizes and country store!

Koinonia 50th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, November 15, 2026

Altamont First United Methodist Church,
308 N Second St.
UMC Fall Soup Supper on
October 18 from 4-7 p.m.

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

-- **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.
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.

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!

Follow Springfield Illinois Vocations! – The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has launched new Vocations social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram at **@spivocations**.
These accounts are designed especially to reach young men who may be discerning a call to the priesthood, while also sharing stories, encouragement, events, and resources that help foster a culture of vocations throughout our diocese. You can help! Follow **@spivocations** on Facebook and Instagram, and share the accounts with young men, parents, teachers, coaches, youth ministers, and others who may know someone asking where God is calling him. Sometimes a simple share can help put the right message in front of the right person at the right time.

† This symbol denotes-deceased.
Saturday, Oct. 17 – Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday, Oct. 18 - +Nancy Bugger by Duane & Joyce Shadwell
Mass @ 6:30pm Tuesday, Oct. 20-For all who have lost a child
8:30 am Wednesday, Oct. 21 - +Don Kemme by Bonnie Kemme
Saturday, Oct. 24 – +Charlotte Ruholl
Sunday, Oct. 25 – +Nancy Bugger by Joe & Kay Conder
+Don Kemme by Verena Kemme
Tuesday, Oct. 27 –
Wednesday, Oct. 28 – +Don Kemme by Verena Kemme
Saturday, Oct. 31 – +Hans Kollinger by Helene Kollinger
Sunday, Nov. 1 – Parishioners of St. Mary's

Happy Birthday

Abby Brown 10-17
Mary Slifer 10-18
Tricia Holland 10-19

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Christie Dust 10-18-2008
18 years

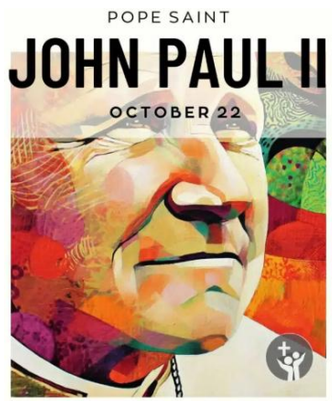
Justin & Hilary Conder 10-21-2005
21 years

George & Helen Levi 10-22-1983
43 years

Lifelong Faith Formation
Children + Youth + Adults

Our **Parish Faith Formation** program (open to ALL ages) will meet on Oct. 25.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!
If you are going to miss, please contact Donna Davis so we can get a proper number for breakfast.

Our fall study over the Constitutions of Vatican II meets again on **Monday, Oct. 19 @ 6:30pm**. Never to late to join the group. See the bulletin board for the complete schedule.



Why This Saint Matters: He teaches us to follow Christ with courage and defend every human life.

SPECIAL MASS- Father Adam will celebrate a special mass for those who have lost a child on Tuesday, Oct. 20 @6:30 pm.

ADORATION for Tues. Oct. 20 will be from 5-6 pm instead of 4-5.

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.

Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Rosary Walk in Metro East – Join Catholics from across the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois for a morning of prayer, witness, and fellowship on **Saturday, October 24**. The day begins with the **Respect Life Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City,** celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, followed by a rosary walk as a public witness to the dignity of every human life. At 11:30 a.m., gather at Englebert Hall in Madison for a luncheon featuring guest speaker Lucy Sykes, Students for Life Coordinator. The luncheon benefits Project Rachel, the diocese's confidential ministry of healing and hope for those affected by abortion. Cost: Free; a free-will offering benefiting Project Rachel will be collected at the luncheon Registration: No registration required All are welcome to attend any or all parts of the day. For more information, contact Michael Carlson at mcarlson@dio.org.

SonRise Men's Breakfast, this Friday

Men, this session will help you appreciate the women entrusted to your care and recognize the countless ways they nurture life, understand others, and advocate for those they love. Every husband and father will be challenged to behold his wife and daughters with new eyes. (brothers, your sisters too!)

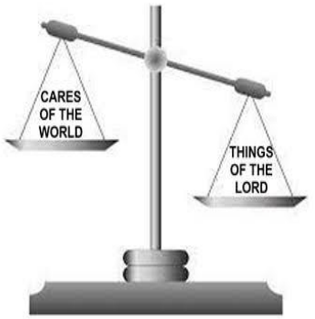
Join with other men seeking strength and purpose this Friday morning.

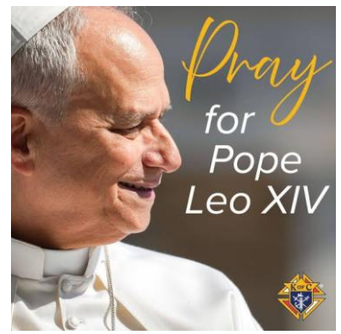
Hot Breakfast is ready at 6:15 AM, St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham. Prayer, program and discussion from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM.

All men are welcome. Learn more at thatmanisyou.com, or the parish office.

Reflections Questions for this week—

How can I make my faith more active in my daily life?
In what ways do I allow the Holy Spirit to guide my actions?
Do I focus too much on material things and forget my duty to God?
What does it mean to give to God what belongs to Him?
How can I serve others with love and hope like the Thessalonians?
Do I ever act like the Pharisees, saying the right words
but not living sincerely?
How can I better balance my duties in society with my faith?
What are some ways I can grow in trust and reliance on God?
How do I show my love for God in my everyday choices?
What steps can I take to ensure my faith is honest and not just for show?





Pray for Pope Leo!

With the news of Pope Leo's diagnosis of lung cancer, the Pope is asking for prayers. "As you know, I have been unable to be among you during these days," Pope Leo said. "Entrusting each of you to the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth, I ask you please to pray for me, as I pray for you."