

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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27th Sunday Ordinary Time – October 4, 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

The Vineyard of the Lord

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that God trusts us to care for what He has given. Like a vineyard, our world is meant to bear good fruit. God gives everything we need to grow in love, faith, and kindness. Yet, sometimes we forget our role as caretakers and live for ourselves instead.

Isaiah and the psalm tell the story of a vineyard that has gone wild. God planted it with care, but it produced only bitter fruit. These words remind us that blessings are not enough if they do not lead to justice and mercy. God wants actions that show love and respect for others.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about tenants who refuse to honor the landowner. They reject his servants and even his son. It is a warning for anyone who ignores God's message. On the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are called to look at our lives and ask if we are producing good fruit for God's kingdom.

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

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BY THE LORD
HAS THIS
BEEN DONE



Cultivating the Soil of the Soul (9/27/26)

As we finish up with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we end with the seventh, "Fear of the Lord." And this gift can have the most questions associated with it, for why would fear be a gift? God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-mighty. His ways are not our ways, and He is so far beyond us that it may seem to be impossible to put into words. Yet, God is so full of love for us that He creates us, sustains us, has initiated and entered into covenants with us throughout history, and even the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus, took upon Himself our flesh. Fear of the Lord starts with the understanding that God is God and we....are not. If we know God, Who is so far beyond us and yet has stooped down to us, out of love and mercy, we will not want to be separated from Him. We will strive to avoid anything that leads us away from Him. It is out of this that St. Bonaventure refers to this gift as how we are able to draw away, turn away from all evil, and be set at peace, submitting ourselves in awe to the eternal majesty of God. This gift of the Spirit isn't a fear of punishment, it's recognizing Who God is, His love for us, and us desiring to remain in right relationship with Him because we don't want to be separated from Him.

As I finish this particular series up, hopefully it's provided something to pray on, a helpful refresher on something we may have learned when we were younger, or perhaps both. While I write this, the Beatification Mass of Fulton Sheen hasn't taken place yet, but I am certainly looking forward to it. I haven't read all of his books or watched all the episodes of Life is Worth Living, but the books of his I've read and the episodes I've watched have been very thought provoking and things that I've taken to prayer and have tried to incorporate into my life. He's a good model for the people of God, particularly those in Illinois. If one person from Illinois can be recognized as a Blessed, there's hope for all of us to live lives of faith. God Bless!

Cultivating the Soil of the Soul (10-4-26)

On October 4th, we would normally celebrate the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, but the 4th is a Sunday this year, and the Sunday takes precedence in celebrations.. And this year is the 800th Anniversary of his death. Many of us have been influenced or formed by Franciscans and the legacy of St. Francis. I remember the first encounters I had with the Franciscan family were with the Poor Clares, at their convent in Virginia, when I was a kid. The nuns gave sense of joy and peace and holiness. I also remember reading and re-reading the comic book on St. Francis of Assisi that had been published by Marvel Comics. Meeting Franciscans in T-Town and Quincy, graduating from Quincy University, in all of that, my life has been influenced by the Franciscans, for which I am grateful.

One of the risks that we have with St. Francis, and truly with all the saints, and with all people in general, really, is that of reducing him to a one-dimensional person. At times we just look to his recognition of creation, and the beauty of what God has created and be tempted to imagine St. Francis as an "eco-warrior." We can look at St. Francis' recognition of the dignity of each person, even when that person is immersed in the deep yogurt of sin and death, and be tempted to say, "anything goes, why would I call anyone to conversion?" And, absolutely, St. Francis did recognize the beauty of creation, but more than that, he recognized the beauty of the Creator, of God. He recognized that creation is a gift and we are to be stewards of it, making prudential decisions of how we can recognize its beauty and utilize it to feed and shelter ourselves. St. Francis also did recognize and insisted on the dignity of each human person and called his brothers to task when they missed doing so. It is exactly for this reason that St. Francis insisted on calling others to repentance when he saw that the person wasn't recognizing his or her own dignity.

He also recognized that our words and our actions must correspond to one another. That if we only preach with our words, and betray those words with contradictory actions, that is ineffective evangelization. Now, was St. Francis perfect? No, he wasn't. At times he seems to have been a bit too brash, not realizing how his own practices of prayer would influence people. This is especially the case when he insisted that his own practices would need to be taken up by his brothers in the order he formed. He desired holiness, for himself and for the people of the world.

So, as we remember the life of St. Francis, his influence on the Church and the world, we pray that we too may grow as stewards of creation and recognize the dignity of others. And that we may recognize our need for continuing conversion as well.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

MAIN MESSAGE

- ♥ God cares for us like a vineyard
- ♥ Our lives should bear good fruit
- ♥ Justice and mercy matter
- ♥ Prayer helps us live in peace

KEY SCRIPTURE



"The kingdom of God will be given to a people that will produce its fruit."
Matthew 21:43

THE READINGS

- ★ First Reading — Isaiah 5:1-7: A carefully planted vineyard bears wild grapes
- ★ Psalm — Psalm 80: God's people ask Him to restore the vine
- ★ Second Reading — Philippians 4:6-9: Pray, trust God, and focus on what is good
- ★ Gospel — Matthew 21:33-43: The tenants reject the owner's servants and son

THEMES TO KNOW

-  God's care and patience
-  Justice and accountability
-  Listening to God
-  Prayer and trust
-  Bearing good fruit

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- ♥ Use God's gifts to help others
- ♥ Choose justice, mercy, and kindness
- ♥ Listen when God calls us to change
- ♥ Bring worries to God in prayer



TRY THIS



Do one quiet act of kindness this week. Offer it to God with gratitude.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- What kind of fruit is my life producing?
- How can I use my gifts to serve others?
- What worry can I bring to God today?

MORE INFORMATION



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Weekly Offering..... Sept. 20, 2026

Adult.....\$2510.00
Loose.....\$514.00
Africa.....\$20.00
Basement Rental\$50.00
Total.....\$3124.00

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 wwwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. 10/9/2026 – 10/11/2026, Springfield, IL



Faith Lutheran Church
Annual Soup Supper
Rt. 33 Shumway, IL
Sunday, October 25, 2026
4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m
Menu: Homemade Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup Ham & Cheese & Hot Dogs Pie, Cake & Drink
FREE WILL OFFERING
All proceeds will go to Enduring Freedom Ministries of Shumway



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.



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!

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, Oct. 3 - +Cecelia Willenborg by her daughters
+Don Kemme by Mike Rosemary Holland
+Travis Vonderheide by family

Sunday, Oct. 4 – For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, Oct. 6 –

Wednesday, Oct. 7 – +Hans Kollinger

Saturday, Oct. 10 – +Bernard & Dorothy Ruholl

Sunday, Oct. 11 – +Sally Wakefield by Connie Mullens

Tuesday, Oct. 13 – +Special Intention

Wednesday, Oct. 14 - +Don Kemme

by Linda Gene Doedtmann





PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!

Rosemary Vonderheide	Kathy Miller	Bill Hamilton
Allen Kessler	David Brown	Christie Dust
Gracie Jo Miller	Jim Gordon	Helen Kollinger
Elsie McKay	Tori Schairbaum	Bill Nuxoll
Kelly Myers Kocher	Tom Laue	Cinda Held
Kenny Hille	Jerry Worman	Kathy Wakefield
Trevor Roy	Steve Moore	
Mardell Sheehan	Pat Kuhns	

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

Happy Anniversary

TERRY & DOT THOMAS 10-4-1969
57 years

JOSH & TIMBER MILLER 10-5-2002
24 years

PATRICK & STEPHANIE PAPE 10-6-2012
14 years

RICK & DOROTHY HANKINS 10-7-1972
54 years

Happy Birthday



Irene Koester 10-3
Katrina Davis 10-4
Blaise Lowry 10-6

LIFE CHAIN 2026
Sunday, Oct 4
1:30-3 pm
Effingham Event Center



Respect 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.



The parish family extends its deepest sympathies to Jenni McKay and family on the passing of her grandmother, Marivee Trogon. May she rest in peace

Lifelong Faith Formation

Children + Youth + Adults



Our **Parish Faith Formation** program (open to ALL ages) will meet on Oct. 11.

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. 5 @ 6:30pm**. Never too late to join the group. See the bulletin board for the complete schedule.



Reflections Questions for this week—

How is God calling you to grow in faith?
What “wild grapes” in your life might need to change?
In what ways do you see God’s care in your life?
How do you respond to difficulties? Do you turn to God in prayer?
What are some ways you can focus on good and right things?
How do you use the gifts and responsibilities God has given you?
Have you ever struggled with rejecting God’s guidance? What happened?
How can you help others grow in faith and bear good fruit?
What does the parable of the tenants teach you about faithfulness?
How can you better trust God and seek His peace in your daily life?



Effingham Catholic Young Adults

October
13th
@7pm

for
young
adults
21-35

HOLY
HOUR
HAPPY
HOUR

Confession available

HOLY
HOUR
HAPPY
HOUR
7pm @ St. Aloysius
19812 E 1000th Ave, Dieterich
8pm @ The Railyard
202 W Center St, Dieterich



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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.

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.

FAST APPROACHING CCW EVENTS

--**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.

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.

Assisted Suicide: A Grave Error in Our State Law

Fr. Harman, St. Anthony’s pastor, has recorded a very well done 4 minute video regarding this issue of Illinois physician-assisted suicide law. It provides a thoughtful assessment of the situation as well as practical suggestions. I encourage you to watch this video and share it with others.

<https://youtu.be/oLPRKCLAR8U>

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



SonRise Friday Breakfast – open invitation to Men

This week we turn specifically to the role of man and discover how men are called to make the fatherhood of God visible in the world. A man’s strength finds its purpose when it is used to give life, protect others, provide for his family, and extend mercy. Through an unforgettable story of sacrifice, we will see the profound dignity of a man who is willing to break his own heart so that others may live. **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.



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