

# THE PILGRIM

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ST. ELMO

*St. Clare*  
ALTAMONT

*St. Anne*  
EDGEWOOD

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## HOLY MASS

### *Saturday*

5:30pm - St. Mary

### *Sunday*

8:00am - St. Anne

10:00am - St. Clare

### *Weekday*

**Mon.** No Mass

**Tues.** 5:30pm - St. Mary

**Wed.** 8:00am - St. Clare

(1st Wednesday of the month  
9:30am - LCC or as announced)

**Thu.** 8:00am - St. Anne

**Fri.** 8:00am - St. Clare

### *Holy Days of Obligation*

Vigil Mass - 6:30pm - St. Clare

## RECONCILIATION

**1st Sunday** of the month,

7:00-7:45am - St. Anne

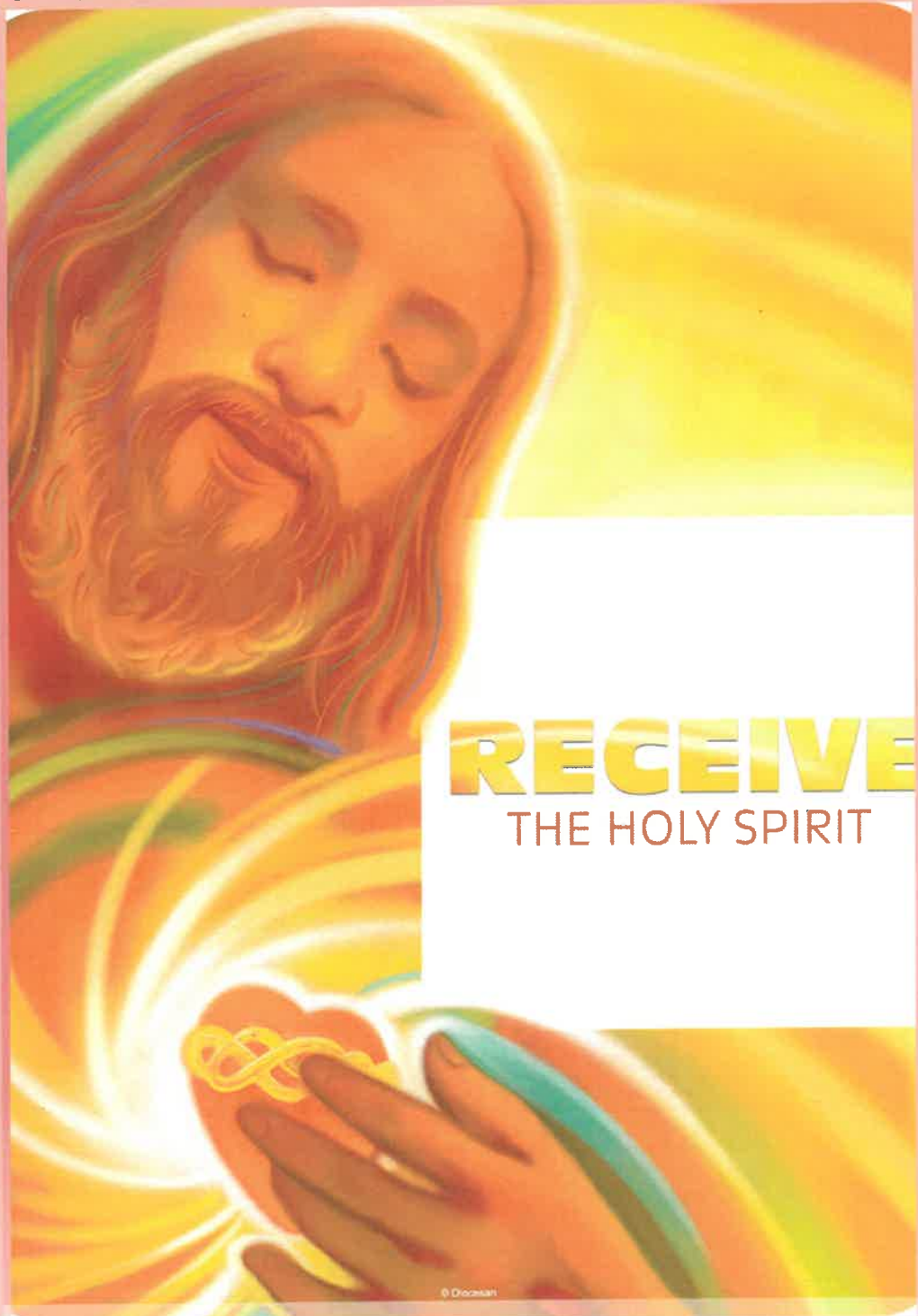
**3rd Saturday** of the month,

4:45-5:15pm - St. Mary

### *Saturday,*

11:00-12:00pm - St. Clare

outside of the regular schedule,  
call for an appointment.



JUNE 8, 2025

*Pentecost Sunday*

## Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners,

I wish to inform you that I will be away from the parish beginning the evening of Sunday, June 1st, and will return on Friday, June 6th, 2025. During this time, I will be participating in our Annual Clergy Retreat at the Sacre Coeur Retreat Center in Magnolia, Illinois.

This retreat is a sacred opportunity for me and my brother priests to step away from our regular duties and enter more deeply into silence, prayer, and spiritual renewal. The Church encourages this practice, as stated in the Code of Canon Law:

*"Clerics are obliged to make time for spiritual retreats according to the prescripts of particular law."*(Canon 276 §2, 4°)

This time of retreat is both a spiritual necessity and a canonical obligation—a chance to listen more attentively to the voice of God and to return refreshed in spirit and renewed in pastoral zeal.

Please note that there will be no daily Masses in our parish churches from Monday, June 2nd through Friday, June 6th, including the regularly scheduled Mass at the Lutheran Care Center. I appreciate your understanding and patience during this brief absence.

I humbly ask for your prayers—for me, your pastor, and for all the priests of our diocese—as we dedicate this time to reflection and spiritual growth. May the Holy Spirit stir in us a deeper love for Christ and a renewed commitment to our pastoral mission.

Please also be aware that on Sunday, June 8th, there will be a second collection in support of our Retired Diocesan Priests. Your generosity will help provide for those who have faithfully served the Church and now require our care and support in their retirement.

Additionally, the Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to begin preparing the parish budget for the fiscal year 2025–2026. I am sincerely grateful to the members of our council for their faithful stewardship and service to our parish community.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. May the Lord bless each of you abundantly.

Fr. Ron

## Mass Intentions

June 8, 2025 – June 15, 2025

### SUN THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

6.8.2025 8:00am +Daniel Kuhns  
by Theresa Kuhns

10:00am Pro Populo

### MON The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

#### TUE Weekday

5:30pm +Virginia Osseck  
by Kirk & Lisa Niemeyer

### WED Saint Barnabas, Apostle

8:00am Floyd Niemeyer  
by Krik & Lisa Niemeyer

#### THU Weekday

8:00am Deceased Members of St. Clare's CCW  
by St. Clare's CCW

### FRI Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am +Virginia Osseck  
by Kirk & Lisa Niemeyer

### SAT Saturday Mass THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

5:30pm Pro Populo

### SUN THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

6.15.2025 8:00am +Ted Wallace  
by Rosa & Randy Milleville  
10:00am +Anthony Schumacher  
by Joyce Schumacher

## Important Dates to Keep

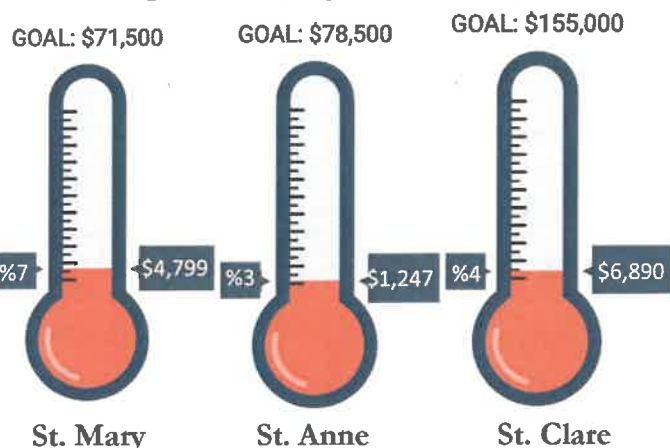
May 24, Ordination of Priests  
May 26, Memorial Day  
May 27, Fr. Ron's 8th Year Priesthood Anniversary  
Jun. 1 - 6, Clergy Retreat (No Daily Mass)  
Jun. 4, No Mass at LCC  
Jun. 8, Retired Diocesan Priests Pentecost  
Jun. 29, Peter's Pence  
July 4, Independence Mass  
Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, Mission Collection  
Sept. 4, Church in Africa

## Stewardship of Gifts

June 1, 2025

St. Mary	\$	505.00
St. Anne	\$	1167.00
St. Anne Cemetary	\$	10.00
St. Clare	\$	1713.48
Mission Coop	\$	180.00

## Capital Campaign Fundraising



## Sacraments

### Baptism

Parents wishing to have a child baptized are required to be registered as members of the parish and have a preparation class with Fr. Ron Lorilla. To schedule an appointment please call the parish office at 618.483.5346 or email Fr. Ron at rlorilla@dio.org.

### First Reconciliation

Children who were baptized as infants prepare for this sacrament in second grade through our Parish School of Religion (PSR).

### First Communion & Confirmation

Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist takes place once each year for the 3rd graders. In order to be confirmed, students must participate for at least one year of preparation through our PSR classes.

### Matrimony

Couples wishing to be married in the Church are to contact Fr. Ron at least **six (6) months** prior to the proposed wedding date. Please contact the parish office for more information at 618.483.5346.

### Anointing of the Sick/Shut-in Communion

Call the office anytime, and for emergencies, call Fr. Ron's private number at 217.697.7110.

## Scan the QR Code To Donate Online



St. Mary



St. Anne



St. Clare

*"Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

## Pray for Our Sick Parishioners

Sally Aebel, Jessica Arnold, Rita Barns, Bridie Baucum, Darren Baucum, Melissa Baucum, Michael Baucum, Martha Bushue, Lamina Buzzard, Cindy Crawford, Heather Davis, Karen Denning, Madonna Goeckner, **Gary Hannagan**, Sean Hannagan, Anna Harris, Don Herboth, JoAnn Herboth, Lucinda Herboth, Barry May, Amanda McKinney, Jan Niemeyer, Pat Porter, Mary Rutledge, Ed Schatz, Jenifer Seibert, Paul Seibert, Barbara Stewart, Todd Verdeyen, Delores Vogel, Bertha Voss, & Debi Will.

*To add or remove a person's name from the list please email the office or drop the request in the collection basket.*

## Happenings in our Tri-Parish and Beyond

### BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

St. Anne & St. Clare Parishes will be participating in the Baby Bottle Fundraiser to support the Family Life Center from Mother's Day to Father's Day! Simply pick up a baby bottle at church, fill it with spare change and return it on Father's Day. This critical fundraiser will support the FREE services and programs offered at the Family Life Center.

### ALTAMONT FOOD PANTRY REPORT & NEEDS FOR JUNE

There were 55 participants for the food pantry on June 3rd.

The pantry is in need of Fruit Cans or Cups, Instant Mashed Potatoes & Pudding Boxes or Pudding Cups. Thank you to everyone for your help & generosity.

The First United Methodist Church is open from 9am - Noon Monday through Thursday.

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**PRAY VIGIL FOR LIFE  
MATTOON, IL 6/16**

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to Pray for the Protection of ALL LIFE at Immaculate Conception Church in Mattoon on Monday June 16th. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00pm. Fr. John Titus will be the celebrant for the 6:30pm Mass. The business meeting will follow in the lower level. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE  
TEUTOPOLIS, IL 6/18**

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 51st annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held Wednesday, June 18th, at St. Francis Church in Teutopolis, IL. The honored celebrant for the 7:30pm closing Mass will be Father Michal Rosa, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Effingham. The Day of Prayer will begin with Mass at 8:00am followed by Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration throughout the day. St. Clare, St. Anne & St. Mary's assigned time to pray is 1:00pm—2:00pm. All are welcome. Benediction will be held at 7:00pm. A reception with refreshments in St. Clare Hall adjoining the church will follow the 7:30pm closing Mass.

**HOLY HOUR/HAPPY HOUR  
EFFINGHAM, IL 6/17**

Effingham Catholic Young Adults invites those that are 21-35 to their Holy Hour/Happy Hour on June 17th. Holy Hour will take place at Sacred Heart Church located at 405 S. Henrietta, Effingham from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Happy Hour will follow at the Rusty Reel located at 8724 E Marine Rd, Effingham from 8:00pm - 9:00pm.

**SHAMROCK RACE TO THE CROSS  
EFFINGHAM, IL 6/21**

One mile fun run, 5k & 10k race is to be held on June 21st. The race will start at the Sacred Heart School Grounds. Entry fee is \$25 for all the events. Race day registration is from 6:30-7am. Online registration is available at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or visit Sacred Heart Parish for a race form. All races begin promptly at 7:30am. Races will begin & end at the Sacred Heart School Grounds. Strollers & Dogs are allowed ONLY in the Fun Run. Free Refreshments are available after the race. Chip timing will be conducted by 24/7 race. Spectators are welcome! For more information email [racetothecross@gmail.com](mailto:racetothecross@gmail.com) or call 217-347-7177

**SACRED HEART PICNIC  
EFFINGHAM, IL 6/21 - 6/22**

Sacred Heart will be having their annual picnic on Saturday June 21st from 5:00pm-Midnight & Sunday June 22nd from Noon-11:00pm. Entertainment will be BINGO, Games, Dunk Tank & Saturday Night Outdoor Movie Screening of The Secret Life of Pets. Food will be Burgers, Brats, Polish Sausage, Fries, Elephant Ears, Ice Cream, Taste of Mexico & More! Chicken & Ham Dinner will be served Sunday 11:00am - 6:00pm in the air conditioned Parish Center Dine-In or Carry-Out. Flea Market will be Saturday 8:00am-9:00pm & Sunday 11:00am - 7:00pm in the air conditioned school gym. Live Music by Max Heuerman Saturday 5:30pm-6:30pm, The Flynts Saturday 7:00pm-11:00pm, Firebox Sunday 3:30pm-5:00pm. FACE Orchestra Sunday 5:30pm-6:30pm & Cumberland Divide Sunday 6:30pm-8:00pm. Raffles of a Grand Prize of \$15,000 cash & over \$25,000 in cash & prizes. Buy tickets the church office or online at [SacredHeartRaffle.com](http://SacredHeartRaffle.com) Online Auction begins at Noon on Monday May 26th & ends at 10:00am on Monday June 23rd to bid visit the website [www.bidschmid.com](http://www.bidschmid.com)

**MATTOON DEANERY COUPLES DATE  
NIGHT  
MATTOON, IL 6/29**

Mattoon Deanery Couple Date Night will be held Sunday, June 29th beginning at 4:00pm at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church located at 302 North 21st St. Mattoon, IL. RSVP before June 24th by scanning the QR code below. Cost is 25\$ a couple, childcare will be provided & the dinner will be a catered meal. Talk and reflection in Church will take place from 4:00pm - 5:00pm, dinner & discussion at I.C. Parish Center will take place from 5:00pm - 6:00pm & further reflection from 6:00pm - 6:30pm.



**OUR SORROWFUL MOTHERS RETREAT  
VANDALIA, IL 7/18-7/19**

Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL will be hosting a retreat on July 18-19th. Join them for this upcoming retreat titled "Inner Healing Power of Faith and Prayer". Learn how to leave behind the past and grow in holiness. The retreat leader is Fr. Josh Stengel, who is an exorcist with the Doloran Fathers and works with Fr. Chad Ripperger. Please go to [www.osmm.org](http://www.osmm.org) to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. The cost is \$45 to attend. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more info