

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Annunciation Church of B.V.M., Shumway, IL

+Bishop Thomas John Paprocki

Father Albert (Al) Allen, Pastor

Reconciliation Time: Saturdays 3-3:30 pm

Or by appointment

Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am

Wednesday 8:00 am

Phone: 1-844-536-6514 (leave a message)

During a life emergency please contact

217.703.1042 to reach a priest.

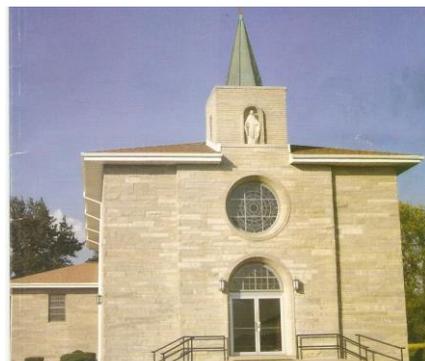
Website: www.stmarysshumway.org

Email: www.stmarysshumway@gmail.com

Address: PO Box 96, Shumway, IL 62461

To reserve the church basement please call
1-844-536-6514.

Diocese Website: www.dio.org



Green Creek Mass Times:

Friday – 8 am

Saturday – 6 pm

Sunday – 10:30 am

Victim Assistance Contact Information-To Report Child Sexual Abuse by Church Personnel or to inquire about Safe Environment Programs in the Diocese of Springfield call 217-321-1155 or Children & Family Services Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-25-ABUSE

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!



Don Kemme
Danny Zacha
Don Clark
Heather Harbour
Kendall Fulk
Dan Zacha Sr.
Oscar Bloemer
Dean Gengler
Martha Fearday
Steve Moore
Kevin Habing

Sally Wakefield
Pat Kuhns
Bill Hamilton
Christie Dust
Helen Kollinger
Bill Nuxoll
Marilyn Zerrusen
Mrs. Scott (Stacey)
Vonderheide
Jane Emmerich
Timber Miller
Marita Elson



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

January Committee: Kathy Ferguson, Tammy Manhart, Beth Spannagel, Mardell Sheehan, Michelle Spannagel

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SAT. 4PM	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31	Jan. 7
Servers	Trey Brown Isaac Wells Thomas Davis	PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE CRY ROOM FOR EACH OF THESE MINISTRIES. THANK YOU!!	Grady Spannagel Weston Spannagel Abby Brown	Anna Brown Madalyne Brown Trey Brown
Lector	Christy Brown		Thomas Davis	Jesse Davis
Ushers	Jason Wells Jesse Davis		Mike Holland Josh Spannagel	Thomas Davis Don Brown
Euch. Minister	Mike Holland		Jesse Davis	Donna Davis
Gift Bearers	Jesse Davis Family		Jason Wells Family	Wanda Ohnesorge
Greeters	Wells Family		Davis Family	Wells Family
SUN. 8AM	Dec. 18 Families in Faith	Dec. 25	Jan. 1	Jan. 8
Servers	Garrett Hoene Noah Pruemmer Isaac Pruemmer	PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE CRY ROOM FOR EACH OF THESE MINISTRIES. THANK YOU!!	Olivia Vonderheide Shae Conder Zoey Conder	Braxton Hoene Wiley Miller Rory Miller
Lector	Jason Pruemmer		Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson
Ushers	Don Antrim Jason Vonderheide		Charley Vonderheide Larry Lieb	Jim Vonderheide Roy Waldhoff
Euch. Minister	Roy Waldhoff		Leslie Kemme	Timber Miller
Gift Bearers	Wally Thompson Family		Charley Rhonda Vonderheide	Rodney Hoene Family
Greeters	Charley Rhonda Vonderheide		Barb Vonderheide	Roy Lisa Waldhoff
Money Counters	Bales, Richards, Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Spannagel
WED. 8:00AM	Dec. 14	Dec. 21	Dec. 28	Jan. 4
Lector	Teresa Tegeler	Kay Conder	Linda Doedtman	Teresa Tegeler

Weekly Offering.....12-25-2022

Adults.....\$2540.00
Loose..... \$739.00
Children.....\$2.00
Retired Religious.....\$5.00
Children's Home.....\$625.00
Christmas Offering.....\$1287.00
Bldg Fund..... \$2000.00
Total..... \$7198.00

2023 Envelopes are now available.

They can be found in the last pew on the east side of church.

St. Anthony Bible Study will resume on January 12th. We will be studying "Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John." This will be a 8 week study. A morning and evening session will be offered, a morning session starting at 9:15 following the 8:30 mass. The evening session at 6:30 pm. All sessions will be held in the Parish Center. Please contact the Parish Office at 217-347-7129 to register. Any questions you may contact Kate Weber at 217-821-3003 or kateweber51@gmail.com

WHY PRAYING THE ANGELUS IS THE DAILY PRACTICE YOU NEED TO CULTIVATE PEACE SPIRITUALITY

By Nicole Aube (radiantmagazine.com)

For decades, the number of people diagnosed with clinical anxiety has been rising. While we recognize on a deeper level that fearfulness is part of the human condition, our current state of the world doesn't help. We are overwhelmed by the number of daily decisions we have to make — anything from what to eat or what to wear or what media we are taking in — which in turn causes further anxiety, can result in a crisis of faith as well as a panic disorder. Yet, as Catholics we believe that God transforms our fear into courage when we trust in him. But how can we gain this sense of peace and calm in our interior lives?

It is through routines — specifically those centered on prayer — that we can offer ourselves the consistency we need. While not all Christians are called to the strict prayerful observances of consecrated life, there are some practices that are easy to weave into our days as lay Catholics.

One such habit is the Angelus — a traditional vocal prayer that offers peace to those who pray it daily. For centuries, in Europe and beyond, the Angelus bell was rung to call Catholics to pray at dawn, noon and dusk (more specifically, 6 a.m., noon and 6 p.m.), and in Western Europe it was even called the “Peace” bell.

Last year, I began praying the Angelus daily, and, after six months, I fell into the habit of praying it a second time thanks to its calming effect. It felt like I was surrendering to God and, over time, this has helped me to feel less anxious overall.

The prayer begins with a set of three verses, inspired by passages from the Gospels, and three Hail Marys said in response. The verses commemorate the Incarnation when the Blessed Virgin, in grace and humility, said “yes” to being the Mother of God, as God himself humbly became man.

Finally, the collect commemorates the Resurrection as we pray “that we ... may by his (Jesus’) Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.”

It's beautiful how the Angelus summarizes salvation history in a way that isn't pedagogical like the Creed or lengthy like the Rosary, whose mysteries are traditionally prayed over a series of days. This isn't a comparison; it's just to say that praying the Angelus consoles us a bit differently being that it's so condensed.

This practice helps us to combat anxiety by rooting us in the present, for anxiety keeps our minds stuck in the past or worrying about the future. Meanwhile Catholic mysticism teaches us that we can't hear God's voice anywhere but in the present moment. St. Catherine of Siena says: “For a servant of God, every place is the right place, and every time is the right time.” It's fitting to say that whenever we are anxious to hear God's voice in the future, we are anxious because we aren't hearing him right now.

The verses of the Angelus also offers the reminder that every new beginning is an ending: when Mary says “yes” to the message she's receiving from God through the Archangel Gabriel, she's also saying “no,” in a paradoxical way, to the life she lived before and the life she could have continued to live had she chosen otherwise. In one moment she places all her hope in God, and he gives her peace — a reminder that he will also give us such peace when we embrace his will in the present moment. Similarly, when reflecting on Christ rising from the dead in the collect, we are filled with hope — hope in eternal life. His resurrection has a regenerative effect on our souls wherever and whenever it's contemplated.



The Angelus

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. Let us pray.

R. Pour forth, we beseech Thee O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Families in Faith

Next classes—
Jan. 15th, 22nd, and 29th

Understand Your Catholic Faith with The Catechism in a Year Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

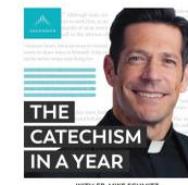
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Saturday, Dec. 31 – Suzana Kollinger by Helene Hans Kollinger
Sunday, Jan. 1 – Sylvester & Laura Zerrusen by Joe & Kay Conder
Wednesday, Jan. 4 - Paul & Marian Runde by family
Saturday, Jan. 7 –
Sunday, Jan. 8 – Mike & Virginia Conder by Joe & Kay Conder
Wednesday, Jan. 11- Stella Esker by Duane Joyce Shadwell

Please call or email (info on front page) to schedule an intention or put an envelope in the collection basket with the information. Envelopes can be found in the mailbox in the cry room. There is a calendar of available dates located on the bulletin board and in the cry room.

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Council Meeting – Wed. Jan. 4, 2023 6:30pm

CCW Soup Supper and Quarter Auction – Sat. Jan. 7, 2023 5pm

Do you have items that you would like to donate to the “auction” for CCW? If so you can bring your items and place them in the basement (a table will be marked for items). Please no clothes/shoes etc. Make sure items are in good condition.

CCW Meeting and Casserole Supper – Tues. Jan. 10, 2023 6:30pm Green Creek, St.

Anthony and Sacred Heart ladies will be our guests on this evening.

St. Mary's ladies are asked to please bring a casserole to share.



**St. Mary's Youth Group and families
made hearts happy when they went caroling on Dec. 17.**

Thank you to those who attended.
 Shae, Hilary, and Zoe Conder;
 Don, Christy, Tryston, Trey and Madalyne Brown;
 Grady, Beth and Weston Spannagel;
 Noah, Isaac and Jason Pruemmer;
 Josh, Timber, Daisy, Gracie Jo, Rory and Wiley Miller

PROLIFE NEWS:

Effingham Area Right to Life has announced its Annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 15, from 7:00am-12 Noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall in Teutopolis, IL. Free will donations for breakfast will be accepted, and there will be a 50/50 drawing and many raffle baskets for all ages. The breakfast menu includes whole hog sausage, eggs, and a variety of home-baked breads, along with juice, milk, and water. Volunteers are needed. Please call or text Susan at 217.663.2084 if you can donate your time and talent.

This is the primary fundraiser for Effingham Area Right to Life. The group asks that if you're unable to attend the breakfast, please consider sending a donation to PO Box 861, Effingham IL 62401.

SonRise Men's Breakfast Next Friday, Jan. 6

Have you been thinking of a Men's prayer group for the New Year? The perfect opportunity is NOW. All men are invited on Friday mornings for SonRise Men's Prayer Group featuring a new semester program from That Man Is You. The theme is "Thy Kingdom Come" with presentations by TEN impressive Catholic speakers.

Get a great start to 2023! Beginning Friday, January 6. SonRise Men's Breakfast meets every Friday at 6:30 AM in the Parish Center at St. Anthony's. Breakfast starts serving at 6:10 AM followed by program, discussion and prayer from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM. Feed your soul, mind and body.

For more information, contact Dan Woods, 217-821-1495; danwoodsface@gmail.com or Jesse Davis, 217-821-2309 Learn more at tmty.org.

The Feast of the Holy Family Year A (2022)--Friday December 30, 2022 (Young-catholics.com)

When a Sunday does not occur between December 25 and January 1, this feast is celebrated on December 30 with only one reading before the Gospel.

First Reading – Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14: "Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 128: "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Second Reading – Colossians 3:12-22: "Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord."

Gospel – Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23: "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him."

Sponsored

The readings for the Feast of the Holy Family Year A give us a look at the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The first reading speaks of the holiness of family relationships. The psalm also sings of the blessings of families. The second reading tells of how families must live in love and unity. In the gospel Joseph is once again visited by an angel and does as he is commanded in order to protect his family.

Themes: How the actions of individual family members effect other members of the family and Strengthening our families and communities

In Sirach we hear practical wisdom on how families should live together. To honor means to will what is good for the other person. Families are not perfect. If we have difficult relationships, we can still honor our family members while recognizing that we have been hurt.

Marriage is an act of mutual submission. Once again, this doesn't mean staying in a hurtful relationship. But a true marriage reflects the life of Christ. We offer ourselves to each other in service to each other.

Reflection Questions for the Feast of The Holy Family Year A

- What do we owe each other as families?
- How do I deal with difficult family relationships?
- Do I need to reach out to someone in my family?



Have you ever thought about being a youth group leader? Do you like having fun and helping youth (grades 6-12) get closer to God? St. Mary's is looking for YOU to become our youth group coordinator. Jesse and Donna Davis are stepping away from the ministry and are looking for a replacement. If you are interested or have questions, contact either of them.