

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

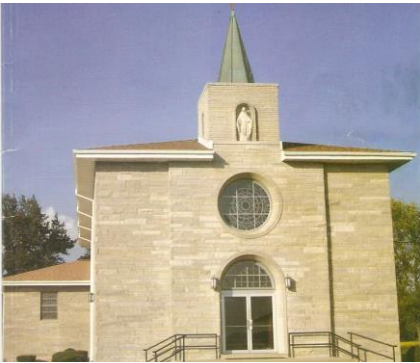
Or by appointment  
Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am

Phone: 1-844-536-6514 (leave a message)  
During a life emergency please contact  
217.703.1042 to reach a priest.

Website: [www.stmaryshumway.org](http://www.stmaryshumway.org)  
Email: [stmarysshumway@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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!

Dennis Koester  
Nelda McCoy  
Marita Kemme  
Sam Sheehan  
Larry Nation  
Jim Gordon  
Don Kemme  
Danny Zacha  
Don Clark  
Dan Zacha Sr.

Steve Moore  
Sally Wakefield  
Pat Kuhns  
Bill Hamilton  
Christie Dust  
Helen Kollinger  
Bill Nuxoll  
Mrs. Scott (Stacey) Vonderheide  
Marita Elson



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

**January Committee:** Vanessa Kessler, Wanda Ohnesorge, Irene Koester, Alice Richards

**Weekly Offering.....1-7-24**  
No report submitted this week.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS					
SAT 4pm	Jan. 13	Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Feb. 3	Feb. 10
Servers	Abby Brown Trey Brown Aubrey Brown	Tryston Brown Madalyne Brown Isaac Wells	Abby Brown Anna Brown Aubrey Brown	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Trey Brown	Anna Brown Abby Brown Isaac Wells
Lector	Christy Brown	Mike Holland	Donna Davis	Abby Brown	Alaina Miller
Usher	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Doug Brown Don Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Doug Brown Don Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland
Ech Min	Mike Holland Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland	Donna Davis Don Brown Katrina Davis	Mike Holland Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland	Donna Davis Don Brown Katrina Davis	Mike Holland Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland
Gift Bearers	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family	Jesse Davis Family	Jason Wells Family
Greeters	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family
SUN 8am	Jan. 14 Parish Families in Faith	Jan. 21	Jan. 28 Parish Families in Faith	Feb. 4	Feb. 11 Parish Families in Faith
Servers	Rory Miller Wylie Miller Daisy Miller	Garrett Hoene Rory Miller Wylie Miller	Jacob Vonderheide Wade Conder Zoey Conder	Garrett Hoene Rory Miller Olivia Vonderheide	Wylie Miller Daisy Miller Jacob Vonderheide
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson
Ushers	George Conder Joe Conder	Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman	Josh Miller Justin Conder	John Neu Don Antrim	Jason Vonderheide Charley Vonderheide
Ech Min	Timber Miller Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide	Lisa Thompson Lisa Waldhoff Roy Waldhoff	Leslie Kemme Timber Miller Linda Doedtman	Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff	Roy Waldhoff Leslie Kemme Timber Miller
Gift Bearers	Rodney Hoene Family	Charley Rhonda Vonderheide	Jim Marylou Vonderheide	Dan Angela Woods	Barb Vonderheide
Greeters	Rosemary Vonderheide	Wanda Ohnesorge	Wally Thompson Family	Brock Vonderheide Family	Charley Rhonda Vonderheide
Money Counters	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder
WED. 8am Lectors	Jan. 10	Jan. 17	Jan. 24	Jan. 31	Feb. 7
	Irene Koester	Wylie Miller	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester	Wylie Miller

Parish Hall Update:

This is just a brief update. In a couple of weeks, project boards will be placed at the entrances of church with diagrams, floor plans and goals. Our current funds (fundraisers/donations)-- \$94802.00

Upcoming events:

Feb. 8 @6:30- Next Meeting  
April (date TBD)-Poker Run  
June 1 -Flea Market (details to come)  
Sept. 22- Pork Chop Dinner (in conjunction with the Shumway Sesquicentennial Celebration)

SAVE THE DATE

# ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

JANUARY 21  
2024  
7AM - 12:00PM

Hosted by  
Effingham Area  
Right to Life

Please Join Us!

Whole Hog Sausage & Egg Breakfast

Sunday, January 21  
from 7am-12:00pm

Teutopolis Banquet Hall  
210 S. Pearl Street

- Free-Will Donation
- Dine In or Carry Out
- 50/50 Drawing
- Raffle Baskets for All Ages

To volunteer (or if you have questions),  
please call or text Susan at 217.663.2084



Effingham Area Right to Life

Donations of cinnamon rolls, sweet breads,  
and muffins are also needed.



**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** – St. Francis Church in Teutopolis will host a pro-life Mass at 6:30 PM on Monday, January 22. The U.S. Bishops ask that this be a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. Eucharistic Adoration, which begins at 1:00 PM in the chapel, will pause and the Holy Eucharist will be reposed at 6:00 PM. A pro-life Rosary will begin at 6:00 PM prior to Mass. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration in the chapel will resume immediately following Mass. Also **after Mass, the Mattoon Deanery pro-life meeting will be held in St. Clare Hall** adjoining the church. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Rosary, Mass, Adoration and/or pro-life meeting.



Saturday, Jan. 13-Dorothy Ruholl by Tim Patty Kessler  
Sunday, Jan. 14-Violet Pautler by Duane Joyce Shadwell  
Wednesday, Jan. 17 – Henry Dust by family  
Saturday, Jan. 20-Dean Gengler by Jesse Davis Family  
Sunday, Jan. 21 - Diana Fuesting by George Diana Conder

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 in the cry room.



Thursday, Jan. 18

EUCCHARISTIC  
*Adoration*

Happy Birthday



Cora Krueger 1-15  
Lucy Pape 1-15  
Noah Pruemer 1-15  
Kathy Ferguson 1-20  
Janice Monroe 1-20

## IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

The age for mandatory IRA distributions is age 72. When you choose to make your distribution to St. Mary Parish from your IRA, the contribution counts towards your required minimum distribution and is NOT included in your adjusted gross income (AGI). This could qualify you for tax breaks tied to your AGI and reduce or eliminate taxes on your Social Security benefits. Contact your IRA advisor for further information.

Pray to Protect Human Life: 9 Days for Life annual novena, January 16-24, 2024. Sign up at: [www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup](http://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup)

**St. Mary's Youth Group** will meet on Jan. 14 from 6-7 pm in the church basement.  
Pizza and drinks provided.



## Parish Families in Faith



Next classes:  
Jan. 14, 28, 2024

Adult classes AND Parish Family Time are for ALL PARISHIONERS not just those who have children in PSR!!!

The parish family extends its sympathies to the family and friends of  
Dean Gengler.

Dean passed away on Thursday morning.  
May he rest in peace.



## Keeping up to date with church happenings...

EMAIL-The bulletin is sent weekly. If you didn't receive and would like to please email [stmarysshumway@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysshumway@gmail.com).

ALL CALL/TEXT SYSTEM- If you would like to receive, please email [stmarysshumway@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysshumway@gmail.com).

FACEBOOK-We are currently looking for a co-administrator for our Facebook page. If interested, contact Leslie Kemme.

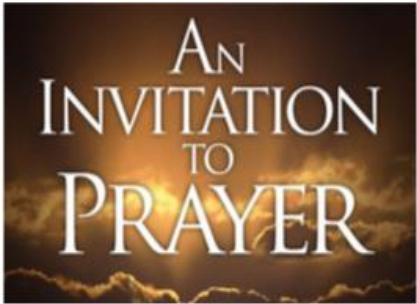
WEBSITE- We are currently looking for a website editor. This person would help with updating info on the page by gathering info and emailing it to the website manager. If you are interested email Donna at [stmarysshumway@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysshumway@gmail.com)



Reflection Questions

- How does encountering Jesus personally impact the disciples in the Gospel passage?
- What role does curiosity play in the disciples' decision to follow Jesus?
- How does Andrew's enthusiasm emphasize the transformative effect of encountering Christ?
- How can we approach Jesus, spend time with Him, and share His presence joyfully?
- How does Jesus' knowledge of Peter's identity relate to our own relationship with Christ?
- How does Samuel's readiness to respond to God's call set an example for us?
- In what ways can we cultivate an open heart to God's guidance in our daily lives?
- How does Paul emphasize the purpose of our bodies in honoring the Lord?
- What connection does Paul make between Jesus' resurrection and our future resurrection?

# Prayer Service For Illinois Legislative Session



Does the direction of our  
state government  
concern you?

Our lawmakers need  
our prayers!

**Join us on Tuesday, January 16th** as we  
pray for laws that uphold Catholic Values.  
This is the first day of the 2024 legislative  
session in Springfield.

**We will be praying at St. Anthony of Padua  
Church from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**  
Light refreshments immediately after.

*A top concern this year is the push to  
legalize assisted suicide. This sweeping  
legislation would make doctor-  
prescribed suicide available to patients  
in a wide variety of situations, in direct  
opposition to the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment.*

Curiosity to Identity

In the gospel for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, two of John the Baptist's disciples, upon hearing him call Jesus the "Lamb of God," start following Jesus. Jesus notices their presence and asks them, "What are you looking for?" They inquire where He is staying, to which He responds, "Come, and you will see." After spending time with Jesus, one of the disciples, Andrew, brings his brother Simon to meet Jesus. Jesus recognizes Simon as "Peter."

This passage highlights the power of personal encounters with Jesus. The disciples' decision to follow Jesus begins with curiosity and leads to a deeper understanding of His identity. Andrew's enthusiasm in sharing his discovery with Simon emphasizes the transformative impact of encountering Christ. Just as Jesus knew Peter's true identity, He knows each of us intimately.

This reading reminds us that encountering Jesus is a journey of discovery. It invites us to approach Him with openness, to spend time with Him, and to share the transformative joy of His presence with others. Like Peter, our encounter with Christ can lead to a new identity and a purposeful life of discipleship.

A Listening Heart

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B centers on the theme of recognizing and answering God's summons. In 1 Samuel 3:3B-10, the young prophet Samuel perceives God's beckoning during his slumber. Upon waking, he acknowledges, "I'm listening." This serves as a divine awakening.

Samuel's readiness to heed God's call sets an example for us today. In our daily lives, we might not encounter such direct divine communication, yet we're often faced with opportunities to listen and respond to God's guidance. Just as Samuel displayed attentiveness, we can cultivate an open heart to God's nudges.

This passage invites us to reflect on how we engage with God's invitations in our routines. Our response doesn't have to be grand or complex; a simple act of acknowledging and seeking to understand God's will can set us on a meaningful path. This story isn't about flashy revelations but about the willingness to be receptive to God's messages.

In our modern world, noise and distractions can cloud our ability to hear God's call. Samuel's story reminds us to create moments of stillness, even in our busy lives, to discern God's voice. As we contemplate this narrative, let's consider how we can adopt Samuel's attitude of attentiveness, responding with a humble "I'm listening" whenever God reaches out to us.

Embracing Purpose

Paul's message in the second reading for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B is clear: our bodies aren't meant for immorality, but for honoring the Lord. This concept might seem pushy to some in the West. Paul asserts that just as God raised Jesus, that same power will raise us too. The idea is that we're not separate from God; our bodies are members of Christ when we're joined with the Lord. Immorality is cautioned against, as it's a sin against our own bodies. Your body, Paul reminds, is a temple of the Holy Spirit given by God.

It's a reality check: we're not our own masters. We've been bought with a price – a divine one. So, our lives should glorify God. This stance isn't about rigid labels; it recognizes that God's mystery is intertwined with our history.

Paul isn't forcefully claiming humanity; he's highlighting a purposeful connection. Christianity isn't just about rules; it's about finding divine meaning in our everyday lives. God's involvement in humanity adds purpose to our journey. The message isn't overly sentimental; it's about acknowledging the significance of our existence. Reflection questions continued later in the bulletin.