

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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

+Bishop Thomas John Paprocki

Father Albert (Al) Allen, Pastor

Father Michael Berndt, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Joe (Pat) Emmerich

Reconciliation Time: Saturdays 4:15-5:00 pm

Or by appointment

Mass Times: Saturday 5:30 pm & Sunday 8:30 am

Wednesday 8:00 am

Ph #- St. Mary's 690-2640 (general inquiries)

St. Anthony 347-7129 (make appt w/priest)

Emergency 703-1042

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RESERVING CHURCH BASEMENT-

Please contact Donna Davis to get on the calendar.

Diocese Website: www.dio.org



LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Monday through Friday at 6:30am

Saturday at 4:30pm

You can find our livestream Masses on YouTube. The easiest way to find them is to go to stanthony.com and click the link that says "Click here to view the Daily Live Streamed Mass."

St. Anthony's Mass Times:

Mon. thru Friday 6:30am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:15 am & 11:00 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!

Marita Elson
Bev Storm
Jane Emmerich
Cheryl Gross
Christie Dust
Timber Miller
Helen Kollinger

Bill Nuxoll
Eugene Westendorf
Debbie Meyer
Keith Willenborg
Marilyn Zerrusen
Mrs. Scott (Stacey)
Vonderheide



January Committee: Wanda Ohnesorge, Sandy Zacha, Christy Bales, Lisa Thompson, Jenni McKay, Sami Childerson

Contact Donna Davis to add or remove someone. Thank You.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| SAT. 5:30PM | Jan. 8 | Jan. 15 | Jan. 22 | Jan. 29 |
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| Servers | Weston Spannagel Abby Brown Anna Brown | Madalyne Brown Thomas Davis Trey Brown | Isaac Wells Grady Spannagel Weston Spannagel | Abby Brown Anna Brown Madalyne Brown |
| Lector | Jesse Davis | Donna Davis | Thomas Davis | Christy Brown |
| Ushers | Mike Holland Thomas Davis | Josh Spannagel Don Brown | Doug Brown Jesse Davis | Jason Wells Mike Holland |
| Euch. Minister | Rosemary Holland | Mike Holland | Beth Spannagel | Don Brown |
| Gift Bearers | Josh Spannagel Family | Jesse Davis Family | Jason Wells Family | Wanda Ohnesorge |
| Greeters | Wells Family | Davis Family | Wells Family | Davis Family |
| SUN. 8:30AM | Jan. 9 (Fam in Faith) | Jan. 16 | Jan. 23 (Fam in Faith) | Jan. 30 |
| Servers | Isaac Pruemmer Noah Pruemmer Jacob Vonderheide | Shae Conder Zoey Conder Olivia Vonderheide | Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Rory Miller | Jack Holland Claire Holland Joe Holland |
| Lector | Reagan McCormick | Terry Hoene | Lisa Thompson | Jason Pruemmer |
| Ushers | Charley Vonderheide Larry Lieb | Jim Vonderheide Roy Waldhoff | George Conder Joe Conder | Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman |
| Euch. Minister | Barb Vonderheide | Lisa Waldhoff | Roy Waldhoff | Leslie Kemme |
| Gift Bearers | Wanda Ohnesorge | Wally Thompson Family | Charley Rhonda Vonderheide | Rodney Hoene Family |
| Greeters | Jason Pruemmer Family | Larry Lieb | Rodney Hoene Family | Don Marcella Antrim |
| Money Counters | Waldhoff Spannagel | Doedtman Shadwell | Kemme, Hoene, Adams | Bales, Richards, Sheehan, Hackman |
| WED. 8:00AM | Jan. 5 | Jan. 12 | Jan. 19 | Jan. 26 |
| Lector | Linda Doedtman | Teresa Tegeler | Irene Koester | Kay Conder |

Weekly Offering.....12-26-2021

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| Adults | 1830.00 |
| Loose | 670.00 |
| Children | 9.00 |
| Building Fund | 2550.00 |
| St. Michael Statue | 1.00 |
| Christmas Cemetery | 1140.00 75.00 |
| Children's Home | 6550.00 |
| Total | 6930.00 |

EVERY DAY AT 4:40 WE INVITE YOU TO PRAY WITH US A HAIL MARY FOR OUR DIOCESE TO HAVE 40 SEMINARIANS.

4:40
for 40
SEMINARIANS

Be Not Afraid to PRAY BIG! We currently have 16 seminarians, which is great! But wouldn't 40 be better?? YES!!! We invite you to pray a Hail Mary EVERY DAY at 4:40 for our diocese to have 40 seminarians. 4:40 for 40

Family Connection Matthew 2:1-12

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

Diocesan wide pro-life Mass and march event on Friday, January 21 in Springfield at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. We will begin with Mass at 10 a.m. followed by an 11 a.m. march to the Illinois Capitol. Like last year, the diocese has decided to forego a trip to Washington, D.C. and focus on a local march. The Mass and march are intended for 7th-12th graders, college students, and adults. Please visit <https://www.dio.org/youthministry/mfl> for more information and to register. Diann Ruholl is taking a group. They are leaving Effingham Events Center(KC hall) on charter bus at 7:30am and returning 4:00pm. Deadline Jan 10. Questions? call Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056

Effingham Area Right to Life Breakfast will be January 16, 2022 at the Teutopolis Banquet (KC) Hall from 7AM to 12:30PM with inside dining. Sausage, eggs, sweet breads, drinks will be served. there will be a quilt raffle and 50/50 raffle. For donations of cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, and to volunteer to help please text Susan Vogt 217-663-2084.



New Year's Eve (6:30pm) –
New Year's Day (8:30am)- Florence Doedtman by Don Marcella Antrim
Sunday, Jan. 2 – Leon Vonderheide by Allen Geannine Kessler
Wednesday, Jan. 5 – Frank Florence Doedtman by Sally Wakefield
Saturday, Jan. 8 – Florence Doedtman by Roy Lisa Waldhoff
Sunday, Jan. 9 –Karen Waldhoff
Wednesday, Jan. 12 - Florence Doedtman by Richard Waldhoff

Please call, text, or email Donna Davis (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. Calendar of available dates is on the bulletin board at church.

CCW-The CCW has invited St. Anthony and Sacred Heart to our January 4th meeting. Fr. Al will celebrate Mass at 6:30 pm. We are having a casserole dinner for all women following Mass. Please bring your favorite casserole and join us for a night of fun.

Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Lending Library Coming Soon!!! St. Mary's will soon be starting a lending library which will be in our cry room. Borrow a book for as long as you need to and return it when you are finished. Do you have Catholic Christian books in your home library you would like to share? If so, please place them in the box in the sacristy starting next weekend (1-8). All books must be approved before being placed in the library. So please don't just put books on the shelves. Thank you.

Families in Faith

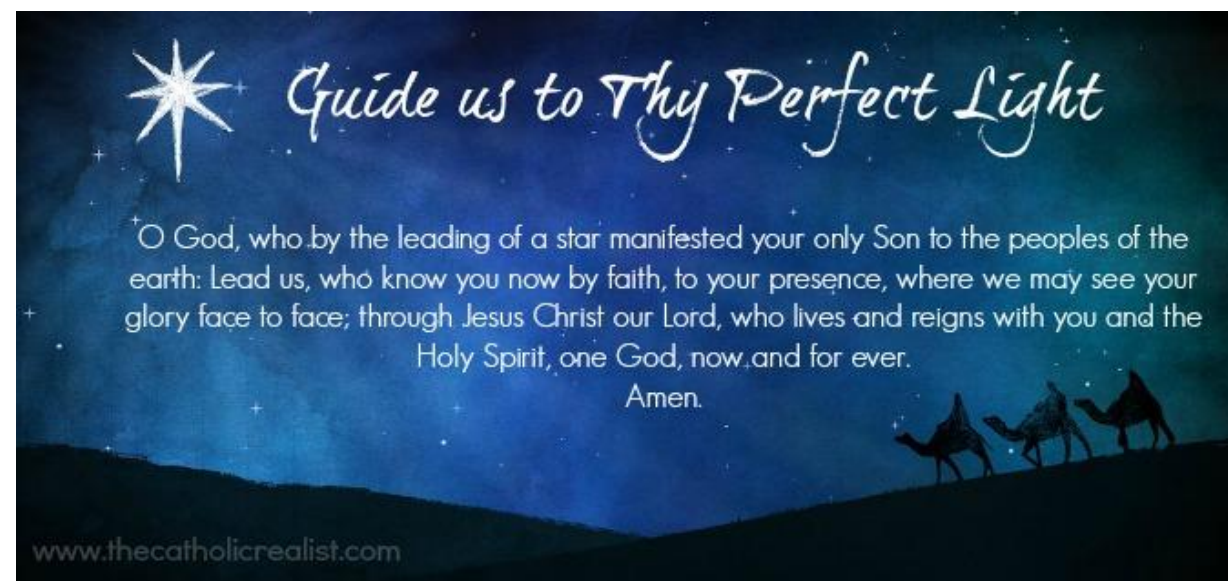


Next classes Jan. 9 & 23.

Happy Birthday



- Bev Storm 1-5
- Doug Krueger 1-5
- Mardell Sheehan 1-6
- Dan Woods 1-7
- Skylar Vonderheide 1-8
- Adeline Brown 1-8
- Riddick Reed 1-8



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be March 18-20 at the Villa Maria Conference Center in Springfield. Early registration is suggested due to limited space. There is an application fee of \$100. Apply at wwme.org by Jan. 17. For more information, call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314.649.7317.

St. Thomas School presents the 3rd annual Trivia Night & Live Auction on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, at 6:30pm, at the St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton. Cost is \$160 per team of 8 adults over age 21 (space is limited, so sign up early-deadline is Feb. 5). There will be fun trivia questions, silent & live auction, games, food, and more!! For more information contact Jill Bierman or Lori Smith at 618.783.3517.

Fr. Al's Ramblings... Epiphany explained.

Early Christians were celebrating Epiphany before they began to observe Christmas. The first celebrations of Epiphany occurred in second-century Egypt. Like Christmas, the date chosen for Epiphany has no firm historical or scriptural grounding.

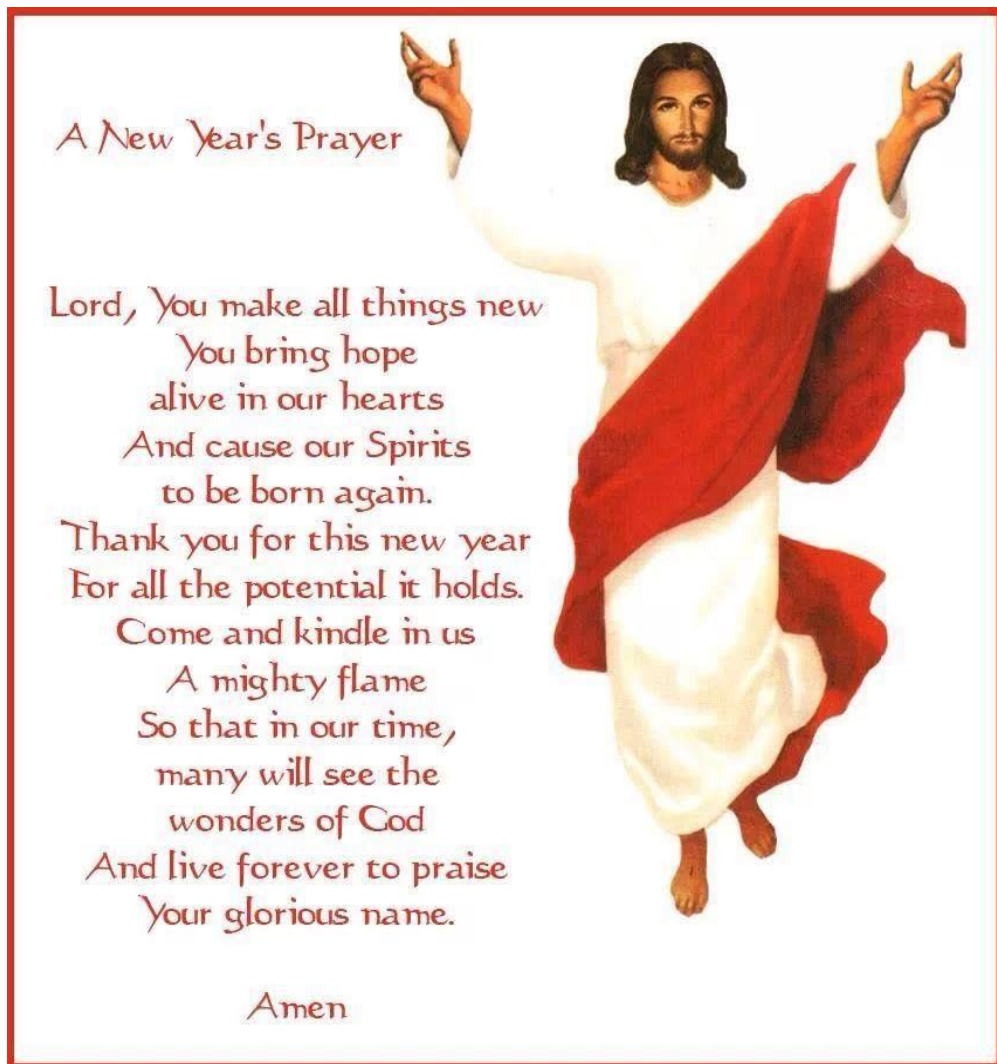
However, beginning in the second century, scattered celebrations of Epiphany occurred among various groups of Christians, although no consensus emerged as to what events the holiday commemorated. Christian liturgy identifies four instances in which Jesus' divine nature manifested itself on earth: at his birth, at the adoration of the Magi, at his baptism, and when he changed water into wine at the wedding in Cana. Early Epiphany celebrations honored any one or more of these events. By the third century most Eastern Christians were celebrating Epiphany. By the late fourth century most Western Christians had also adopted the feast. Eastern and Western celebrations evolved around different themes, however. When the Western Church designated December 25 as the Feast of the Nativity in the mid-fourth century, Western Epiphany celebrations consolidated around the revelation of Jesus' divinity to the Magi. When the Eastern Church embraced Christmas, between 380 and 430 A.D., Christmas absorbed the celebration of both the Nativity and the adoration of the Magi. Thus, Eastern Epiphany observances remained dedicated to the commemoration of Jesus' baptism.

In the Middle Ages, popular western European Epiphany celebrations focused on the Magi's journey. People began to refer to the Magi as kings and saints and to Epiphany as the "Feast of the Three Kings." Festivities of the day included nativity plays, many of which featured the story of the Three Kings. Another boisterous medieval ceremony was also sometimes performed in churches on Epiphany.

In Spanish-speaking countries today, Epiphany retains this strong association with the Magi and is called Día de los Tres Reyes, or Three Kings Day. The French call the holiday Le Jour de Rois or Fête des Rois: Kings' Day or the Feast of the Kings. The British sometimes refer to the holiday as Twelfth Day, and the evening before as twelfth night, since it occurs twelve days after Christmas. Twelfth Day marks the end of the Christmas season, also known as Twelfth tide. Since late medieval times the British had enjoyed feasts and masquerades on Twelfth Night, but these celebrations have declined since the nineteenth century.

Many in the West, such as adherents of the Anglican Communion, Lutheran Churches and Methodist Churches, observe a twelve-day festival, starting on December 25, and ending on January 5, known as Christmastide or the Twelve Days of Christmas. However, for the Catholic Church today, "Christmas Time runs from First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Nativity of the Lord up to and including the Sunday after Epiphany or after January 6th, a period not limited to twelve days. Some Christian cultures, especially those of Latin America and some in Europe, extend the season to as many as forty days, ending on Candlemas (February 2).

*Blessings,
Fr. Al*



A New Year's Prayer

*Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope
alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits
to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time,
many will see the
wonders of God
And live forever to praise
Your glorious name.*

Amen