

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

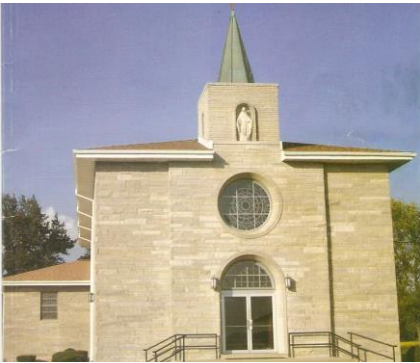
Or by appointment
Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

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
Email: 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!

Dennis Koester
Nelda McCoy
Marita Kemme
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.

February Committee: Tammy Manhart, Judy Zacha, Beth Spannagel, Michelle Spannagel, Kathy Ferguson, Mardel Sheehan

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

Weekly Offering.....1-21-24
Adult.....\$1475.00
Loose.....\$495.00
Catholic Times.....\$135.00
First Offering.....\$10.00
Total.....\$2115.00
Masses-\$20.00

Parish Hall Fund Donation of \$230 in Memory of Jane Emmerich.

Parish Hall Update:
Our current funds -- \$94802.00
Project Board coming soon

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)

De Colores Spring Weekends

Say yes to a 3 day beautiful experience at camp Walter Scc
If you're:

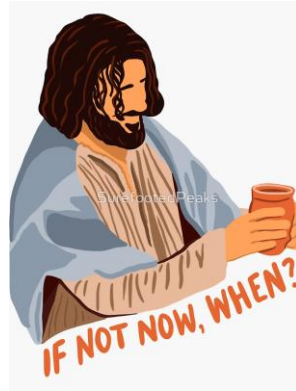
- So busy, don't know which end is up?
- Distant from Jesus, but want His Peace?
- Tired of the rat race, need a break?
- Looking to refresh, rest, renew?

So many in our area have found a treasure in DeColores.
It's your turn!

* The Men's Weekend, March 7-10; Leader: Brian Henning
Call or text 217-821-3338

* The Women's Weekend, March 14-17; Leader, Mandy Henning.
Call or text 217-821-0799

OR you can also contact Jesse, Donna or Katrina Davis with questions!!!



Attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21 – This summer, join tens of thousands of passionate Catholics will travel from every corner of the U.S. to experience the healing power of Jesus Christ, present in the holy Eucharist at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Soak in the Presence of Jesus alongside people of all walks of life – a vivid image of the universal Church. You will participate in beautiful liturgies, lifting your voice in prayer alongside world-class musicians, hear from the most influential Catholic speakers of our day, and make history as part of the first National Eucharistic Congress in nearly 100 years. This is the beginning of a new chapter of faith in America. Will you be there? Register at eucharisticcongress.org.



Saturday, Jan. 27-Dean Gengler by Kathy Brown
Sunday, Jan. 28- Donald Niebrugge by Joe Kay Conder
Wednesday, Jan. 31 –
Saturday, Feb. 3 -Sam Sheehan by Kathy Brown
Sunday, Feb. 4 -Angela Jansen 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.



Happy Birthday



Thomas Davis 1-28
Gail Brandt 1-28
Virginia Childerson 1-30
Daisy Miller 1-31
Tryston Brown 1-31
Stephanie Moore 1-31
Jamie Vonderheide 2-1
Jesse Niebrugge 2-1
Sandy Laue 2-3

St. Mary's Youth Group will meet on
Feb. 4 from 6-7 pm in the
church basement.
Bring a snack to share.
Drinks will be provided.



Keeping up to date with church happenings...
EMAIL, ALL CALL/TEXT SYSTEM- If you would like to receive, please email
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

Parish Families in Faith



Next class: Jan. 28, 2024
Feb. 11 & 25

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
Vicki Waldhoff.
May she rest in peace.



The parish family extends its sympathies
to Brittany & Roger Nuxoll
on the death of Brittany's grandfather,
Louis Meinhart.
May he rest in peace.



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

We will begin the *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* study on Feb. 21 at 6:30pm. Participants will meet every week (8 weeks) to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Donna Davis (info on front page of bulletin).

Reflection Questions

- How do I discern the true prophetic voices in my life, and how do they align with the teachings of Christ and the Church?
- In what ways can I embrace and respond to the prophetic voice to bring about transformation in my personal and community life?
- Reflecting on Jesus' teaching style, how can I make my own faith sharing more relatable and grounded in real-life experiences?
- How do differences between Jesus' and the scribes' approaches to teaching challenge my understanding of authority and humility in spiritual leadership?
- In what ways can I incorporate Jesus' method of simple and clear communication of the truth into my daily interactions?
- How does my current state of life (married, unmarried, religious, etc.) influence my devotion to God, and what steps can I take to focus more on pleasing Him?
- What are the distractions or concerns in my life that may be hindering my undistracted devotion to God, and how can I address them?
- In what practical ways can I balance my responsibilities to others while keeping God at the center of my life?
- How can reflecting on Jesus' authority and teachings in the Gospel transform the way I see myself, my community, and my role in the Kingdom of God?
- What are the "real-life" examples and experiences that I can share with others to bring the message of the Gospel alive in today's world?

FUNDRAISER for El Shaddai HOMES sponsored by T-Town K OF C #2874

January 28th, 2024 3:30 - 6:30 pm Teutopolis Banquet Hall

Variety Of Soups Served

Raffle Items Free Will Donations Accepted

“Maternity Home is a long-term residential home for pregnant women and their babies. We are a loving Christian family home providing live-in support, parenting education, life skills, counseling, post- birth aftercare and resource referrals.”

St. Anthony High School students going to Catholic Heart WorkCamp are hosting a Soup Fundraiser at the parish center on Sunday, February 25th. Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, and Roasted Red Pepper Gouda Tomato Soup, along with sides, will be served from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$12, and can be purchased at the St. Anthony parish office. Thank you for supporting these students who are willing to give up a week of their summer to serve the needy.

Save the date for the Illinois March for Life and Mass – Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

Newman Breakfast - February 4th

The annual Newman Breakfast will be held Sunday, February 4th from 7 am until Noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Menu will include all you can eat scrambled eggs, whole hog sausage, biscuits & gravy, hash browns, french toast sticks, cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice & milk. Baked goods will be available for purchase, and chances will be available for raffle

SonRise Friday Men’s Breakfast - St. Anthony’s Parish Center Friday mornings for men from multiple parishes. Breakfast-6:10 a.m., program -6:30-7:30am. Contact Dan Woods, 217-821-1495 , danwoodsfrage@gmail.com with any questions.

Embracing the Prophetic Voice

The first reading from Deuteronomy introduces a powerful theme: the prophetic voice that speaks with God's authority. This voice, as promised by God, is one like Moses, who would lead and guide the people in truth. In our own lives, recognizing and embracing this prophetic voice is crucial. It’s not just about listening to words; it’s about an encounter with the divine truth. The challenge lies in discerning who, in our time, carries this mantle of truth.

We are surrounded by many voices claiming authority – in media, in politics, in our communities. How do we recognize the true prophetic voice? The key is in its alignment with the teachings of Christ and the Church, and its fruits in love, justice, and peace. Embracing the prophetic voice means allowing it to challenge and transform us, leading us closer to God.

Speaking from Real Life

Jesus' way of teaching starkly contrasts with that of the scribes, as seen in the Gospel reading. The scribes, though knowledgeable, lacked the ability to connect deeply with the common people. Their teachings often hovered in the realm of theory, detached from the lived realities of those they were meant to guide. Jesus, on the other hand, spoke from real life. His authority was rooted not just in knowledge but in experience and empathy. He spoke of the Kingdom of God using parables and examples that resonated with the everyday experiences of His listeners.

This approach made His teachings accessible and transformative. It wasn't about complicated theological arguments but about truth presented in a way that reached hearts and minds. In our own lives, when we share our faith with others, are we speaking from real life? Do we connect our understanding of God’s word with the practical realities people face every day? Speaking from real life means making faith relevant and accessible, just as Jesus did.

The Call to Undistracted Devotion

Paul’s message in the second reading from 1 Corinthians presents a compelling call to undistracted devotion to the Lord. He contrasts the concerns of married and unmarried individuals, highlighting how the latter can focus more fully on God. This is not a denouncement of marriage but rather an invitation to consider how our states of life can best be oriented towards God.

For the married, it is a challenge to find balance – to love and serve their families while keeping God at the center. For the unmarried, it's an opportunity to use their freedom for greater devotion and service.

Paul’s advice is timeless: our primary focus, regardless of our state in life, should be on pleasing the Lord. This call to undistracted devotion is a reminder to assess our priorities and attachments. Are they leading us closer to God, or are they pulling us away? In a world filled with distractions, this message is more relevant than ever. We are called to a devotion that is undivided, a heart that seeks God first in all things.

These readings collectively invite us to a deeper understanding of our faith. They challenge us to discern and embrace the true voice of God, to speak and live our faith authentically, and to orient our lives towards undistracted devotion to God. The message for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time is not just about listening to these themes but about integrating them into our daily lives, allowing them to shape our actions, our relationships, and our understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ.

(the article continues later in the bulletin)