

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.

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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
Sam Sheehan
Larry Nation
Jim Gordon
Don Kemme
Danny Zacha
Don Clark
Dan Zacha Sr.

Dean Gengler
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

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.....12-31-23

Adults..... \$1565.00
Loose..... \$2532.00
Child Home..... \$20.00
New Years.....\$635.00
Christmas Offering.....\$30.00
Catholic Times.....\$15.00
Cost of envelopes.....405.00
Total..... \$4837.00
Mass Money \$160.00.
Special Bldg Fund Donation \$6000.00

Dr. Scott Hahn on what Catholics need to change – Dr. Scott Hahn joins Dive Deep to discuss topics such as what habits practicing Catholics need to change; why was Dr. Hahn “anti-Catholic” before he converted; how John’s Gospel changed his entire outlook on faith; how we can have Eucharistic amazement; and what should we lean on when we’re facing hardships. Dr. Hahn joined Dive Deep from the BOS Center in Springfield on Oct. 28, 2023 when he was the featured speaker at the Eucharistic Congress. Go to dio.org/podcast or youtube.com/diospringfield or search “Dive Deep” on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

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. 6-Jane Emmerich by Jesse Davis Family
Sunday, Jan. 7- Joyce Habing by Steve & Sharon Moore
Wednesday, Jan. 10- Jane Emmerich by Jesse Davis Family
Saturday, Jan. 13-Dorothy Ruholl by Tim Patty Kessler
Sunday, Jan. 14-Violet Pautler 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 in the cry room.

2024 Masses are now being scheduled.

Happy Birthday



Dan Woods 1-7
Adeline Brown 1-8
Sharon Moore 1-10
Eliza Pruemer 1-12

Parish Hall Meeting-
Wed. Jan. 10 @ 6:30pm
All welcome.
We will be planning our
fundraisers for the year.

St. Mary's, Shumway CCW-
We will be hosting a casserole dinner
on Jan. 9 @ 6:30pm.
The ladies of St. Anthony's, Sacred Heart and
St. Mary's, Green Creek will be our guests.
Come for a night of fellowship and good food.

We will be taking Christmas decorations this
Sunday, Jan. 7 at 5 pm for anyone who would like
to come and help. Thank you.

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. 7, 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 friends and family of
Jane Emmerich.
May she rest in peace.



Keeping up to date with church happenings...

EMAIL-Wednesday evening the parish council
meeting minutes were sent out to the emails I
have. If you didn't receive and would like to
please email stmarysshumway@gmail.com.

ALL CALL/TEXT SYSTEM- Friday evening a call
and text were sent out to the contacts I have. If
you didn't receive and would like to 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

REFLECTIONS—cont. from page 2

Reflection Questions

- Reflect on the message of Isaiah and how it prefigures the coming of a Messiah for all nations. How does this prophecy deepen your understanding of the universal nature of Jesus' mission?
- In what ways can you see the "light" that Isaiah speaks of in your own life? How can you be a part of bringing this light to those around you?
- Imagine yourself as one of the Magi on the journey to see Jesus. What emotions and thoughts might you have experienced? How does their journey inspire your own spiritual journey?
- Consider the significance of the gifts brought by the Magi. If you were to bring a gift to Jesus, symbolic of your talents and devotion, what would it be? Why?
- The Gospel speaks of the Magi returning home by another route after encountering Jesus. How has your encounter with Christ transformed your life's path? Are there areas in your life where you feel called to change direction?
- In what ways can you reflect the light of Christ in your daily interactions? How can you be a beacon of hope and love in a world that often mirrors Herod's fear and aggression?
- Jesus' vulnerability as an infant is a powerful message. How does embracing vulnerability in your own life lead to spiritual growth and a deeper connection with others?
- The Epiphany is a call to recognize and celebrate the revelation of Christ to all. What practical steps can you take in your community to live out this message of revelation and inclusivity?

SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast meets at St. Anthony's Parish Center Friday mornings for men from multiple parishes. Breakfast is served at 6:10 a.m., program at 6:30am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30am. Become a better son, brother, husband, father, and friend beginning with your relationship with God. There is no charge, Contact Dan Woods, 217-821-1495 , danwoodsface@gmail.com with any questions.

Pray to Protect Human Life: Join others from across the country in praying the 9 Days for Life annual novena, January 16-24, 2024. The novena is for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Sign up at: www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup.

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

Please join us as we study the Eucharist, Discovering the Mass in the Bible, by Brant Pitre. This will be a 10 week course beginning on Thursday January, the 11th. You may attend either the 9:15 am or 6:30 pm session. Classes are held in the St. Anthony Parish Center. To sign up, please call the Parish Office at 217-347-7129.

Pre-Cana Dates---Upcoming dates for programs in the diocese are listed below.
Sunday, February 4, 2024 - St. Francis, Teutopolis
Call 217-961-6404 to register. The fee is \$50 per couple to cover lunch and expenses.

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

REFLECTIONS—

A Prophetic Foreshadowing

The Feast of the Epiphany, celebrated in the Christian tradition, is deeply enriched by the prophetic words of Isaiah in the first reading. Isaiah 60:1-6 speaks of a great light that will shine upon Jerusalem, a light that will attract nations and kings. This imagery of light and glory not only embodies the physical manifestation of God's presence but also symbolically represents the dawning of a new era.

The passage foreshadows the coming of the Messiah, who will be a light to the nations. The gifts of gold and frankincense, mentioned in the prophecy, interestingly prefigure the gifts that the Magi will offer to Jesus. This connection between the prophecy and the event of the Epiphany bridges the Old Testament expectation with the New Testament fulfillment, indicating the universality of Jesus' mission. The reading from Isaiah sets the stage for understanding the significance of the Epiphany as not just a historical event but a divine appointment that fulfills ancient prophecies.

The Mystery Revealed to All

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks of a mystery made known to him by revelation – a mystery that Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and partakers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. This reading for the Feast of the Epiphany ties beautifully with the theme of universality highlighted in Isaiah and the Gospel of Matthew. It emphasizes that the salvation brought by Jesus Christ is not limited to a particular group but is available to all humanity.

This idea of inclusivity is radical, especially considering the historical context where Jewish-Gentile divisions were prominent. Paul's message in Ephesians resonates with the Epiphany event, illustrating that the coming of Jesus marks a new covenant, where the barriers of ethnicity, culture, and race are transcended. The Epiphany thus becomes a celebration of this revelation – that in Jesus, God's grace is extended to all peoples of the earth.

A Light to the Nations

The Gospel account of Matthew for the Feast of the Epiphany is particularly striking in its depiction of the visit of the Magi. This event is not just a narrative about wise men from the East bringing gifts to a newborn king; it is a profound theological statement about Jesus' role as the Messiah for all people. The star that guides the Magi symbolizes the divine light leading the nations to Jesus. In contrast to the powerful and paranoid King Herod, the infant Jesus embodies a different kind of kingship – one that is humble, vulnerable, and yet, paradoxically, a threat to the established political power.

Matthew's account, unique among the Gospels, emphasizes the universal scope of Jesus' mission. While some scholars suggest that Matthew may have embellished this story to highlight Jesus' role for the Gentiles, the absence of contrary evidence gives this narrative a significant place in Christian theology. It illustrates that from the very beginning, Jesus' life and mission were marked by miraculous signs that pointed beyond the boundaries of Israel to the wider world.

The stark contrast between Jesus and Herod in this account is also noteworthy. Herod's reaction to the news of a newborn king – a brutal decree to murder male children – starkly contrasts with the innocence and helplessness of baby Jesus. This juxtaposition sets the tone for Jesus' ministry, where he consistently challenges and redefines the concept of power and authority. The Epiphany, therefore, is not just about the revelation of Jesus to the Gentiles but also a revelation of the nature of God's kingdom – a kingdom where the last are first, the humble are exalted, and true power is found in love and vulnerability.

The Feast of the Epiphany, through its readings, invites us to reflect on the universality of Jesus' mission and the radical nature of God's kingdom. It calls us to recognize the light of Christ that shines for all peoples and to embrace the transformative power of this revelation in our lives and communities.

Reflection questions continued later in the bulletin.