

# 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](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!

Marita Kemme

Sam Sheehan

Fr. Al Allen

Larry Nation

Jim Gordon

Don Kemme

Danny Zacha

Don Clark

Heather Harbour

Kendall Fulk

Dan Zacha Sr.

Dean Gengler

Steve Moore

Sally Wakefield

Pat Kuhns

Bill Hamilton

Christie Dust

Helen Kollinger

Bill Nuxoll

Mrs. Scott (Stacey)

Vonderheide

Jane Emmerich

Timber Miller

Marita Elson



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

**October Committee:** Kathy Adams, Stephanie Pape, Leslie Kemme, Rhonda Vonderheide

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SAT 4pm	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28 No MASS
Servers	Isaac Wells Abby Brown Anna Brown	Aubrey Brown Trey Brown Tryston Brown	Madalyne Brown Isaac Wells Abby Brown	Aubrey Brown Anna Brown Trey Brown	This is the day of the Eucharistic Congress and no masses are to be celebrated in the diocese per the direction of Bishop Paprocki.
Lector	Katrina Davis	Abby Brown	Christy Brown	Mike Holland	
Usher	Jesse Davis Jason Wells	Mike Holland Don Brown	Doug Brown Jason Wells	Mike Holland Jesse Davis	
Ech Min	Donna Davis Jesse Davis Don Brown	Rosemary Holland Mike Holland Kathy Brown	Don Brown Kathy Brown Katrina Davis	Mike Holland Rosemary Holland Don Brown	
Gift Bearers	Jason Wells Family	Wanda Ohnesorge	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family	
Greeters	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family	
SUN 8am	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15 Families in Faith	Oct. 22 Families in Faith	Oct. 29 Families in Faith
Servers	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Jacob Vonderheide	Wylie Miller Rory Miller Daisy Miller	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Olivia Vonderheide	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Jacob Vonderheide	Wylie Miller Rory Miller Daisy Miller
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson
Ushers	Jim Vonderheide Roy Waldhoff	George Conder Joe Conder	Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman	Josh Miller Justin Conder	John Neu Don Antrim
Ech Min	Timber Miller Barb Vonderheide Linda Doedtman	Lisa Thompson Roy Waldhoff Lisa Waldhoff	Linda Doedtman Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Lisa Thompson Lisa Waldhoff Barb Vonderheide	Roy Waldhoff Leslie Kemme Timber Miller
Gift Bearers	Tom Helen Doedtman	Ed Leslie Kemme	Allen Geannine Kessler	Jim Mary Miller	John Karen Neu
Greeters	Lisa Roy Waldhoff	Larry Lieb	Rodney Hoene Family	Don Marcella Antrim	George Conder Family
Money Counters	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder
<b>WED. 8am Lectors</b>	<b>Sept. 27</b> Linda Doedtman	<b>Oct. 4</b> Irene Koester	<b>Oct. 11</b> Kay Conder	<b>Oct. 18</b> Linda Doedtman	<b>Oct. 25</b> Irene Koester

### Weekly Offering.....9-24-23

Adults..... \$2483.00  
Loose..... \$382.00  
Church of Africa..... \$20.00  
Cemetery..... \$50.00  
Total..... \$2935.00  
Mass Intentions \$10.00

### Diocesan Respect Life Mass and prayer procession

Oct. 7 (Sat) at Holy Family Parish, Granite City. Bishop Paprocki will celebrate Mass at 9 am, followed by a prayer procession around the abortion facility in Granite City. Lunch and speaker will follow the procession.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to pray for the protection of all Life at Mother of Dolors in Vandalia on Monday October 16. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Seth Brown will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm mass. The business meeting will follow in the downstairs classroom. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.

Registered for the Eucharistic Congress but don't have your ticket? All registered attendees will receive a ticket via their email or text message. If you have not received your ticket after 5 days of registration, please first check your spam folder. Then contact your local parish or email Erin Danaher at edanaher@dio.org.

CCW Soup Supper - Ladies of St. Anthony Parish, have invited the ladies of our parish to come join them on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm at the parish center for their annual soup supper. Bring your appetite. Food, Fellowship, and entertainment by the Senior Line Dancers will be provided.

**Life Chain 2023 - Respect Life Sunday**

Sunday, October 1 1:30 pm – Prayer Service Sacred Heart Parish Center  
 2-3 pm Life Chain on Keller Drive

- A Christian Witness against the killing of pre-born children.
- Refreshments will be served following the event at the parish center.
- For further information, please call Karla Slifer, Coordinator at 217-690-5282.

The Life Chain is a church and family event, not a rally or political extravaganza. Participants are to respect all other pedestrians, including those who oppose the chain, and show only respect to motorists who indicate other sentiments. If standing is a problem, lawn chairs are welcome. All denominations are invited and urged to attend!

**We need God's help!! The "Prayer Campaign for LIFE" will take place from September 27 - November 5**

The need for prayer has only increased in the last year as abortion numbers in Illinois have seen an enormous surge and the threat of assisted suicide looms ever larger as proponents now actively lobby Illinois legislators for its support. Our state is tragically moving in the wrong direction on the biggest issues of protecting life.

- 1.) Our days for prayer will be Wed. Sept. 27 8-5 AND Wed. Oct.18 8-5.  
 You can pray at church, home, work or wherever. Sign up a time in the cry room.
- 2.) Volunteer at the Silk Purse Thrift Store  
 Choose any hours between 9 am - 7 pm, Monday through Friday. Sept. 27 - Nov. 5.  
 Contact Valerie Kemme (217) 663-2738 to schedule a time.

"Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist" discussion. Next meetings will be Oct. 11 and 25 6:30-7:30 pm in the church basement.

**Happy Birthday**



Irene Koester 10-3  
 Katrina Davis 10-4

*Parish Families in Faith*



Next class: Oct. 15 @ 9am  
 Future-Oct. 22, 29  
**As a reminder parents are to attend class with their children.**

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

**Youth Group will meet on Sunday, Oct. 1 from 6-7 in the church basement. If you have questions OR if you plan on attending text Katrina 217-240-4291.**

RESPECT LIFE WEEKEND will be celebrated the next weekend, Oct. 7-8. The newly baptized and young at heart will be recognized in the bulletin and will be celebrated on Sunday morning after the 8 am Mass with coffee and donuts.

**Parish Council Meeting Wed. Oct. 4 at 6:30pm in the church basement. All are welcome to attend.**

Eucharistic Adoration- Thursday, Oct. 19 from 6:30-7:30pm

**PARISH T-SHIRTS** If you are interested in ordering a shirt, please let Leslie Kemme know. [llkejkemme@yahoo.com](mailto:llkejkemme@yahoo.com) or 217-821-3399

*Happy Anniversary*

Tom & Helen Doedtman 10-1-1983  
 40 years

Steven & Sharon Moore 10-1-1966  
 57 years

Dennis & Brenda Vahling 10-3-1981  
 42 years

Terry & Dot Thomas 10-4-1969  
 54 years

Josh & Timber Miller 10-5-2002  
 21 years

Patrick & Stephanie Pape 10-6-2012  
 11 years

Richard & Dorothy Hankins 10-7-1972  
 51 years



Saturday, Sept. 30 – Diana Fuesting by Roger Judy Zacha  
 Sunday, Oct. 1 – Leonard Waldhoff by Gene Ruth Brummer  
 Wednesday, Oct. 4- Matthew Tegeler by Greg Michelle Spannagel  
 Saturday, Oct. 7 – Bernard & Dorothy Ruholl by family  
 Sunday, Oct. 8 – Ambrose & Norma Worman Family by Gene Linda Doedtman  
 Wednesday, Oct. 11-

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.

*Year of the Eucharist—*

"Because we are human beings, a union of body and soul, what we do with our bodies affects our hearts and minds," said Father Daren Zehnle, director of the Office for Divine Worship and the Catechumenate for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. "If we approach the Eucharist in a sloppy or hurried manner, we run the risk of forgetting who it is we are receiving and of setting a bad example for those whose faith might be weak. Rather, if we approach the Eucharist with a reverent demeanor, it can help strengthen the faith of others and offers the respect to God that He deserves.

Join Catholics in our diocese for The Holiest Adventure – father/son edition. The day will be packed with fun activities, Mass, adoration, and delicious food. The father/son edition is Saturday, October 14, and is for dads and their sons in grades 4-9. Both events are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The father/son edition will be at The Villa Catholic Life Center, 1903 E Lake Shore Dr, Springfield, IL 62712. To register, go to [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events). Cost is \$40.00 per mother/daughter or father/son pair. Each additional child is \$5 extra. For questions, email Daniel Heffernan at [dheffernan@dio.org](mailto:dheffernan@dio.org)



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<https://signup.formed.org/>  
- Enter St. Mary's Catholic Church- scroll down and click on our parish  
- Enter name and email

### Family Connection

The workers in this parable sound very much like squabbling children, comparing what they have each been given and making complaints to the parent. Among children there is a tendency to equate love with gifts and material things. This tendency can devolve into a spirit of entitlement, which runs counter to the spirit of gratitude. Any effort we make to overcome this tendency, to keep love from being entwined with gifts and possessions, will enable our children to accept completely the love that God gives freely and generously.

Observe together any tendency within your family to make comparisons. Are children sometimes heard saying that another child received a greater portion of a favorite food at dinner or dessert? Does one person complain that a parent spends more time with one child over another? Ask if such comparisons are helpful. Discuss together why such comparisons are made. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16. Consider these questions: Why do the workers grumble? Is the landowner's assessment accurate? Unfortunately, we are sometimes like these workers when we make the comparisons we discussed earlier.

Conclude in prayer together remembering that love cannot and ought not to be measured. Sit quietly together acknowledging God's great love for each person as individuals and for your family. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 145, or the Lord's Prayer.

### Natural Family Planning Class

2023 Sessions: To register, contact Kate Pruemmer at 217-821-1840 or [kpruemmer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemmer@gmail.com).  
Saturday, October 14th - 9:30-11:00am  
at St. Francis in Teutopolis  
Saturday, December 9th - 9:00-10:30am  
at St. Anthony Church, Effingham, IL

### Pre-Cana Dates

Marriage prep programs may be a one-day Pre-Cana program, a Weekend for the engaged experience or another approved marriage preparation program. Upcoming dates for programs in the diocese are listed below.  
Saturday, October, 21, 2023 - St. Anthony, Effingham  
Call 217-347-7129 to register.  
The fee is \$50 per couple to cover lunch and expenses.

Sunday, February 4, 2024 - St. Francis, Teutopolis  
Call 217-961-6404 to register.  
The fee is \$50 per couple to cover lunch and expenses

### Coming this October: DeColores Weekends

"I am the Bread of Life."  
Oct 12-15 Men's Weekend,  
Leader Carl Portz of Effingham.  
217-827-4101 [carlportz@yahoo.com](mailto:carlportz@yahoo.com)

"Be Transformed-Set Your Soul on Fire"  
Oct 19-22 Women's Weekend, Leader  
Donna Davis of Shumway.  
217-690-2640  
[drosedavis1998@gmail.com](mailto:drosedavis1998@gmail.com)

Both weekends are held at Camp Walter Scott (Effingham Area)! If you haven't been yet, YOU won't regret it! Call or email the above leaders for more info or to sign up!!

### REFLECTIONS—

#### Actions Speak Louder

In the Gospel passage for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Matthew 21:28-32, Jesus presents a parable to the chief priests and elders. A father asked his sons to work in the vineyard. The first son initially refused but later obeyed, while the second son agreed but didn't follow through. When asked which son did his father's will, they acknowledged the first.

This story prompts us to reflect on the power of actions versus words. True transformation lies in our deeds, not just appearances. We might profess goodness but act differently. The sincerity of our hearts matters more than our knowledge. Our lives should reflect caring actions, for what we do matters more than what we know.

This reading reminds us that change is possible. Despite initial refusals or mere lip service, we can still choose to embrace what is right and answer God's call to serve. Our actions can reshape our paths, illustrating our commitment to God's will.

#### A Change of Heart

In Ezekiel, the first reading for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the Lord addresses those who deem His ways unjust, reminding them that it is their own paths that are askew. The virtuous who turn to wrongdoing face consequences, but the wicked who reform their ways will find life. This speaks of the opportunity for change and redemption.

Both the First Reading and the Gospel parable underscore the significance of turning away from wrongdoing and embracing righteousness. God's mercy extends to those who change their hearts, demonstrating that true repentance leads to life. Like the first son, tax collectors and prostitutes, often deemed unworthy, can find the kingdom through sincere transformation. This challenges us to assess our own hearts and actions, recognizing the power of change and the boundless reach of God's grace.

#### The Humble Path of Christ

In Philippians, the second reading for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we're urged to share in the spirit of Christ, embracing encouragement, love, and unity. By humbling ourselves and considering others more significant, we reflect the essence of Jesus' nature. He, though divine, humbled himself, becoming human and obedient even to death on a cross. In response, God exalted him, and all creation will acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord.

In the Gospel parable, Jesus emphasizes that genuine transformation, not just words, leads to God's kingdom. Tax collectors and prostitutes, who initially disregarded John's righteousness, changed their hearts, while religious leaders did not.

These readings underscore humility and transformation. Like Christ's example, we're called to humbly serve and prioritize others. Authentic change, as seen in the repentant tax collectors and prostitutes, holds immense value in God's eyes. These readings invite us to adopt Christ's humble mindset and recognize that genuine transformation bears lasting fruit.

#### Reflection Questions

- Can you recall a specific instance where your actions didn't align with your words? How did it impact others?
- Are you willing to change your initial stance if it turns out to be wrong?
- In your daily life, which holds more weight: what you say or what you do?
- How do you feel about the idea that true change lies in action, not just words?
- Do you agree that people can change their paths through actions, even after making initial mistakes?
- Have you ever questioned the fairness of God's ways? What led you to this thought?
- Do you believe in the concept of redemption?
- Have you ever had a significant change of heart that led you to act differently?
- What role do you think God's grace plays in personal change?
- Do you think society is generally forgiving of those who change their ways?
- How easy or challenging is it for you to adopt a humble attitude in your interactions?
- Do you agree that considering others as more important leads to a better community?
- Can you relate your own life to Christ's humility and transformation?
- How do you reconcile your own desires with the need to serve others?