

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!

Nelda Friese
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
WED. 8am Lectors	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester	Kay Conder	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester

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 please contact Donna Davis.

Get your free tickets now for historic Eucharistic Congress Oct. 28 in Springfield – To celebrate the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield, the Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This dynamic and once in a lifetime experience will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, a Catholic Marketplace, motivating videos, never before seen photos, adoration of our Lord, Confession, and a historic Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. To attend, go to dio.org for free tickets and more information..

Annunciation Parish Council Meeting Minutes-Oct. 4, 2023

Those in attendance were Fr. Allen, Ed Kemme, John & Kathy Adams, Lisa Waldhoff, Justin Miller, Larry Lieb, Karen Kemme, Donna Davis, Alice Richards and Katrina Davis

Reports

Maintenance –Josh purchased some new light bulbs and wonders which are preferred. Some from the council will look at them.

Cemetery –Josh trimmed trees and several graves were filled and lawn seeded.

PSR -First weekend went very well. A reminder will be put in the bulletin that parents need to attend class with their children. Reconciliation for older children will be Oct. 22 during class time.

Youth Group-First meeting had 12 kids attend. They ate, played games and brainstormed ideas for things to do this year. They will help/host the Fall breakfast on Nov. 5 at Kluthe center.

Right to Life –40 days for life-Wed. Oct. 18 from 8-5

CCW- Respect Life Sunday will be on Oct. 8-Young at Heart and newly baptized will be recognized. Alice and Dot reported on the DCCW convention they attended. Next meeting Tues. Nov. 7. Michelle Spannagel will take over for Rhonda Vonderheide as treasurer.

Old Business

- Parish Hall- pork chop dinner was very successful – \$3440 \$400 donation served 220-230 meals
- Next parish hall fundraiser is the raffle. \$10,000 total will be given away. Tickets will be handed out this weekend. All members are being asked to sell 20 tickets. If they do not wish to participate, we would like the tickets returned. Donna will send out information to other parishes about the raffle.
- Katie Price from the diocese will come down and meet with the council to help us set up our capital campaign in conjunction with the Centennial campaign by the diocese. Father will speak with her and set up a time.

New Business

-Holy Day – Nov. 1-All Saints—Oct. 31st vigil @ Shumway-7pm Shumway Nov 1 @ 8am Green Creek Nov 1 at 7 pm

-Thanksgiving Mass -8 am Shumway Green Creek 10 am

-Immaculate Conception- vigil Dec. 7 7pm @Shumway

Father Allen’s notes from the convocation:

- oAll announcements should take place before the procession begins.
- oThe Gloria should always be sung.
- oEucharistic ministers should not come into the sanctuary until Father has communicated himself. It is best to come up when he gives communion to the servers.
- oMass intentions for individuals needs to be announced at the beginning with announcements because every person at the mass should have their own personal intention and one individual intention should not supersede everyone else’s individual intentions. The Bishop has not set a time line for this to change. We will work out the details later.
- oSign of Peace is not meant to be a greeting. It is meant for those who have an issue to make peace with one another. Waving and giving each other the peace sign is not appropriate.
- oDuring the Our Father the congregation should not raise their hands as the priest does. That posture is reserved for the priest who is offering the prayer for everyone.
- oPriest were reminded to always refer to the GIRM (general instructions for mass) to make sure Mass stays consistent.

Next meeting date: Nov. 8, 2023. All members of the parish are welcome to attend!!!



- Saturday, Oct. 14 – Paul Runde by family
- Sunday, Oct. 15- Greg Bierman by Neu & Laue Families
- Wednesday, Oct. 18 - Matthew Tegeler by Barb Vonderheide
- Saturday, Oct. 21 –Charlotte Ruholl by family
- Sunday, Oct. 22 –Paul Runde by family
- Wednesday, Oct. 25- Matthew Tegeler by Mary sandschafer

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.

Happy Birthday



- Joe Dust 10-15
- Abby Brown 10-17
- Tricia Holland 10-19

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Christie Dust
10-18-2008
15 years

Justin & Hilary Conder
10-21-2005
18 years

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

- 1.) Our days for prayer will be **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.

Parish Families in Faith



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

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

Youth group will be Sunday, Oct. 29 from 6-7pm. Please bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided. Please let Katrina know if you are coming. 217-240-4291

SAVE THE DATE-- Annual Fall Breakfast coming Sunday, Nov. 5

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

“Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist”
discussion.
Final meetings will be Oct. 25 6:30-7:30 pm in the church basement.

Family Connection Today’s Gospel reminds us that God invites all of us to his kingdom. How do we respond to this invitation? In theological terms, God has granted us free will to accept or reject salvation. The parable of the wedding feast reminds us that God desires our wholehearted acceptance of his invitation to salvation.

As you gather as a family, discuss what you consider appropriate attire for various occasions. For example, if your family were invited to a neighbor’s barbecue, what would you wear? If you were planning to attend the symphony, what might you wear? If invited to an evening wedding, what might you wear? Discuss how our preparations for an event and our choice of attire indicates the importance and value we place on the occasion. In today’s Gospel Jesus uses this metaphor to talk about the kingdom of heaven. Read Matthew 22:1-14. Discuss why the guest was thrown out of the wedding feast. What does Jesus expect of those who accept his invitation of salvation? What would be the evidence of our conversion to God’s salvation? Pray together as a family that you will respond wholeheartedly to God’s invitation to salvation. Pray together today’s psalm, Psalm 23.

The Teutopolis Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their Annual Intellectual Disability Benefit Breakfast on Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 7 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall.

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.

Pursuing Your Spouses Heart

Marriage Event Sponsored by Sacred Heart Church Saturday, November 18, 2023--5:00pm Doors Open - 6:00pm Dinner - 7:00pm Speaker
Join us for a special evening with your spouse!
Featuring Dana Nygaard, a passionate Catholic speaker dedicated to growing your and your spouse's relationship with Christ. \$50/couple—includes event, dinner by Ochs Street Meats, and Dana's book "365 Dates to Renew Your Christian Marriage"

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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

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

Faith Lutheran Church Annual Soup Supper
Rt 33 Shumway, IL
Sunday October 15, 2023 4 to 7:00p.m.
Menu: Homemade Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup
Ham & Cheese Sandwiches & Hot Dogs Pie,
Cake & Drink FREE WILL OFFERING All
proceeds to benefit EL Shaddai of Effingham

PARISH T-SHIRTS If you are interested in ordering a shirt, please let Leslie Kemme know. llkejemme@yahoo.com or 217-821-3399

The Parish Hall Committee would like to announce our next fundraiser. We will be having a money raffle with **\$10,000.00** in prizes. Grand prize \$5000 2nd-3rd \$1000 and 4th-9th \$500.

We are asking each parish family to sell/buy 20 tickets at \$20 per ticket. If you don't want to participate simply return the tickets back into the collection basket in the envelope you received them.

We are selling only 2500 tickets, so we must sell as many as we can to make this a great fundraiser.

When you have sold/buy your tickets, simply put money and tickets in an envelope marked hall fundraiser and put it in the collection basket.

Thanks again for your continued support.

God Bless

The Parish Hall Committee

SonRise Fridays – All Men Invited St. Anthony's Parish Center Friday mornings. For one hour a week Men from multipleparishes gather to pray, listen to a presentation, and then engage in small group discussions supporting and encouraging each other. Breakfast is served at 6:10 a.m., program at 6:30am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30am. Contact the Dan Woods, danwoodsface@gmail.com.

Natural Family Planning Class

2023 Sessions: To register, contact Kate Pruemmer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemmer@gmail.com.
Saturday, December 9th - 9:00-10:30am
at St. Anthony Church, Effingham, IL

REFLECTIONS—

Enduring Hope in Modern Struggles

The first reading for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Isaiah 25:6-10a, paints a vivid picture of God's benevolence and commitment to His people. The prophet Isaiah speaks of a time when God will prepare a feast for all people, wipe away tears, and remove the disgrace of His people from the earth. This vision is not just about a distant future but serves as a reminder of God's continuous promise of care and salvation.

Today, many face challenges that make them question their worth or their place in the world. Economic hardships, personal struggles, societal divisions – they all mirror the despair and disgrace felt by Isaiah's contemporaries. Yet, Isaiah's words remain relevant, assuring us that even in the midst of adversity, God's love and provision are steadfast.

Applying this message to modern life, it's a call for hope and resilience. It encourages us to look beyond immediate struggles and recognize the bigger picture of divine promise. Furthermore, in a world where instant gratification is often sought, Isaiah reminds us of the virtue of patience and the value of long-term blessings. Our role is to trust, persevere, and remain faithful, knowing that God's banquet awaits those who endure.

Preparedness in Divine Invitation

In the parable from Matthew 22:1-14, the gospel for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the significance of the wedding banquet is evident. Jesus uses it as a medium to shed light on our relationship with God. The initial rejection by the invited guests draws parallels with how the Jewish community treated God's messages and messengers. This neglect to attend the feast speaks volumes about missed opportunities and neglecting divine calls.

The invitation's extension to everyone, irrespective of their background or deeds, demonstrates God's inclusive nature. It highlights the idea that salvation and God's love are available to all. However, there's an underlying message. Simply showing up isn't enough. One must also come prepared, spiritually and mentally, to partake in the divine feast.

The guest without the wedding attire serves as a cautionary tale. While the invitation is open to all, it's crucial to be prepared and sincere in our approach. This can be interpreted as the need for genuine faith and commitment to God. Just as attending a wedding requires appropriate attire, embracing God's love requires genuine devotion and preparedness.

God's Constant Call to Divine Feasts

In the readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we find striking parallels that delve deep into God's graciousness and the nature of divine invitation. Isaiah speaks of a grand feast prepared by the Lord, one that promises sustenance and joy, a removal of sorrow and a lifting of burdens. Matthew, on the other hand, offers the parable of the wedding banquet, where a king invites guests to celebrate his son's wedding. The interconnectedness between these passages reflects the continuity of God's love and outreach throughout the scriptures.

The rejection by the initially invited guests in Matthew's parable can be seen as a mirror to those in Isaiah's time and even our own, who often overlook or dismiss God's offerings due to distractions or worldly concerns. The feast in Isaiah represents the promise of salvation and eternal joy, yet many miss out on this divine opportunity. Similarly, in Matthew, the king's invitation, representing God's call, is ignored or treated with disdain, highlighting human tendencies to neglect spiritual wealth for fleeting worldly gains.

Drawing these passages together, it's evident that God's benevolent invitation remains constant, spanning across time and testament. The challenge posed to us, both as individuals and as a collective, is to recognize, accept, and prepare for these divine moments. Whether it's the grandeur of Isaiah's feast or the solemnity of the wedding banquet in Matthew, both underscore the importance of being spiritually ready and receptive to God's eternal call.

Reflection Questions

- What do you do to be prepared to respond to God's daily invitations?
- How much effort do you put into my spiritual development compared to other aspects of life?
- Do you ever resent that God invites everyone, the good and the bad, to his table?
- In the context of Isaiah's vision, how do you perceive God's promise of care and salvation in your own life?
- Given today's challenges, how can you find assurance in Isaiah's words of God's steadfast love?
- How does the virtue of patience, as mentioned in Isaiah, resonate with you in today's era of instant gratification?
- Drawing from the parable in Matthew, what do you think is the significance of being 'prepared' when responding to God's call?
- How do you interpret the cautionary tale of the guest without the wedding attire in your own spiritual journey?
- Observing the interconnectedness between Isaiah and Matthew's readings, how do you think human tendencies have evolved or remained constant in acknowledging God's offerings?