

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

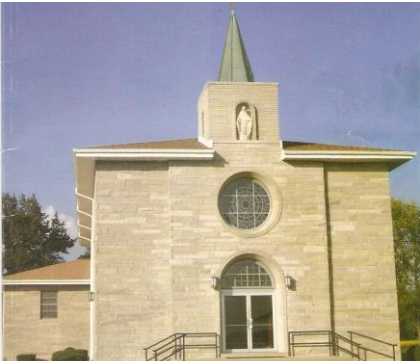
Or by appointment
Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

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!



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: Stephanie Pape, Leslie Rhonda Vonderheide
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.

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	Oct. 29 Families in Faith
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	
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	
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

Weekly Offering.....10-1-23	
Adults.....	\$3475.00
Loose.....	\$644.00
Total.....	\$4119.00
Mass Intentions	\$40.00

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..

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.

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.

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. We realize that not everyone is in support of this building, so if you don't support it 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

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

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.

Happy Birthday



Trey Brown 10-10
Diana Conder 10-11
Shirley Zacha 10-12
Jason Vonderheide 10-13
Howard Dust 10-13
Ralph Hernandez 10-14

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

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 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!!!

Happy Anniversary

Shirley & Dan Zacha 10-10-1970
53 years

Jason & Angie Vonderheide 10-14-2006
17 years

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

Year of the Eucharist— Reasons to go to Mass every week

An abridge version of an article by Bishop Paprocki 1-12-2020

People who do not go to church regularly often say that they are spiritual, but not religious, meaning that they are not atheists, but even though they believe in God, they just do not go to church on a regular basis. If that describes you, then this reflection is meant especially for you. In talking to you directly about this, my intention is not to berate you, or to chastise you, or to make you feel guilty. My hope is to encourage you with a warm invitation to become a regular part of our worshipping community on a weekly basis. As Pope St. John Paul II used to say, the church does not impose, but proposes.

So why should you come to Mass every week?

1. Deepen our relationship with Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.
2. To receive Our Lord into our hearts in holy Communion. Of course, that will mean something only to those who believe that holy Communion is not just a symbolic reminder of the Last Supper but is actually the Real Presence of Jesus Christ.
3. We need each other to remain spiritually strong. Christ did not come to us as some sort of personal philosopher with wise sayings for us to follow like Confucius, but Jesus established his church as a community of believers.
4. Most important, we should come to church and receive holy Communion every week because we need to do so for our eternal salvation. Again, Jesus was clear, as recorded in the Gospel of St. John: “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” (John 6:53-56).

Full article can be found <https://ct.dio.org/bishops-column/message/reasons-to-go-to-mass-every-week/read.html>



Saturday, Oct. 7 – Bernard & Dorothy Ruholl by family
Sunday, Oct. 8 – Ambrose & Norma Worman Family by Gene Linda Doedtman
Wednesday, Oct. 11- Hunter Sandschafer by Mary Sandschafer
Saturday, Oct. 14 – Paul Runde by family
Sunday, Oct. 15- Greg Bierman by Neu & Laue Families
Wednesday, Oct. 18 - Matthew Tegeler by Barb Vonderheide

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.

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. 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



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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

In an ideal household, family members know the rules and follow them consistently. Even the most conscientious among us, however, sometimes needs to be reminded of the rules and their importance. How we respond to such correction reveals our true character. In today's Gospel Jesus exposes the religious leaders for their failure to heed God's messengers. It is an opportunity for us to consider how we respond to those who are God's messengers today, calling us to correct our ways and return to the way of the Lord.

As you gather as a family, talk about some of the most important rules of your household. Consider how consistently family members follow these rules. How are family members reminded when rules are not being followed? How do they respond? In today's Gospel Jesus corrects the religious leaders through a parable telling them that they have not heeded God's messengers. Read Matthew 21:33-43. What are some of God's rules that we must follow? How do we respond to God's messengers today? Pray together as a family that you will heed God's messengers and follow God's ways. Pray together the Act of Contrition for the times when your family has not heeded God's word.

SonRise Fridays – All Men Invited St.Anthony’s Parish Center Friday mornings. For one hour a week Men from multiple parishes 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, 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

“Be Transformed-Set Your Soul on Fire”
Oct 19-22 Women’s Weekend, Leader Donna Davis of Shumway. 217-690-2640 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—
The Symbolism of Vines

Grapes hold deep significance in the Bible, particularly in the context of vineyards in ancient Israel. These vineyards weren’t just sources of fruit and wine; they symbolized the relationship between God and His people. In the first reading for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Isaiah 5:1-7), the prophet likens Israel to a vineyard tended by the Lord. This imagery carries a message of care and expectation. The poetic song describes God’s nurturing efforts and Israel’s shortcomings, represented by the metaphor of “wild grapes” – a symbol of sin.

The resonance of vines continues in the responsorial psalm (Psalm 80), where the psalmist reflects on Israel’s history as a planted vine. This reflection likely emerged during the challenging exile of Judah. Despite their errors, the vine – representative of God’s people – remains a focus of divine concern. These accounts emphasize that God’s connection to humanity endures, even amidst their mistakes. It’s a hopeful image, depicting God’s ongoing care, not an ethereal provision but a tangible commitment.

In these vineyard narratives, the tangled relationship between God and His people is laid bare. The vines serve as a stark reminder of human fallibility and divine patience. Amidst warnings and hardships, the message isn’t flowery or grandiose, but a reminder of God’s unchanging care, offering an undiminished bond with His people, even in the face of their waywardness.

Seeking Peace Amidst Turmoil

The parable of the wicked tenants, recounted in the gospel for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Matthew 21:33-43), holds a mirror to the Jewish leaders, who recognize its pointed message directed at them. Across history, prophets have faced mistreatment, and now, these leaders are poised to apprehend Jesus, unmistakably depicted as the son in the narrative. Jesus reinforces his stance by quoting Psalm 118, revealing his awareness of their rejection, yet affirming his commitment to fulfilling his Father’s will. A parallel narrative unfolds in the early Christian community, enduring similar rejection.

Paul’s exhortation in the second reading offers solace to this community, reminding them to embrace the peace of Christ amid tribulations. In our contemporary world, where peace often seems elusive, Paul’s counsel holds resonance. As we navigate global complexities, it’s crucial to heed his guidance. Engage in heartfelt prayers, both supplicative and appreciative, staying attuned to world events while striving for the tranquil embrace of God’s kingdom.

In summary, the parable’s resonance echoes through time, akin to the struggles faced by early Christians. Paul’s reminder of seeking Christ’s peace endures as a beacon in our tumultuous world. Embracing this wisdom, we can navigate challenges with an unwavering commitment to peace, offering our prayers amidst the turmoil of the present age.

Cultivating Truth and Responsibility

The gospel parable for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Matthew 21:33-43) also serves as a poignant call for us to actively protect and support those who courageously speak the truth, despite the challenges they may encounter. Just as the landowner’s servants faced adversity, contemporary truth-bearers also confront opposition, and it’s our responsibility to ensure their safety and amplify their voices.

The parable also emphasizes the importance of caring for the vineyards in our lives. The vineyard is a metaphor for the blessings and responsibilities God entrusts us with. Just as the tenants were expected to cultivate and tend the vineyard, we’re called to nurture and steward the gifts bestowed upon us. This concept underscores the significance of being accountable and diligent stewards of our relationships, talents, and resources. By actively caring for our “vineyards,” we honor God’s intentions for us and contribute to the flourishing of our lives and the lives of those around us.

Reflection Questions

- How does the imagery of vineyards in the Bible relate to the relationship between God and His people?
- What message is conveyed by likening Israel to a vineyard tended by the Lord in the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7)?
- How does the metaphor of “wild grapes” symbolize Israel’s shortcomings and sin?
- What significance does the responsorial psalm (Psalm 80) hold in reflecting on Israel’s history as a planted vine?
- How do the vineyard narratives emphasize God’s enduring connection to humanity despite their mistakes?
- How does Jesus’ use of Psalm 118 reinforce his commitment to fulfilling his Father’s will despite rejection?
- What solace does Paul’s exhortation provide to the early Christian community in facing tribulations?
- How can Paul’s counsel of seeking Christ’s peace resonate in our contemporary world’s complexities?
- In what ways can we actively protect and support truth-bearers who face opposition, as depicted in the parable?
- How does the parable emphasize our responsibility to nurture and steward the blessings and responsibilities entrusted to us?
- How does actively caring for our “vineyards” contribute to honoring God’s intentions and the flourishing of our