

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

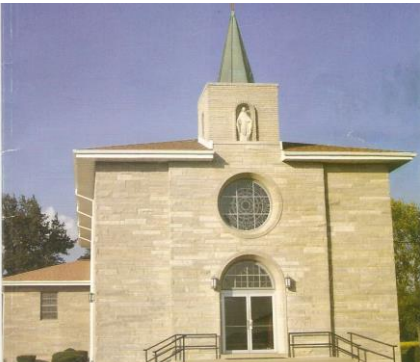
Or by appointment
Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

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 McCoy
Marita Kemme
Sam Sheehan
Larry Nation
Jim Gordon
Don Kemme
Danny Zacha
Don Clark
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.

November Committee: Jennifer Bales
Tricia Holland, Marcella Antrim,
Rosemary Holland, Mary Miller

LITURGICAL MINISTERS					
SAT 4pm	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18	Nov. 25	Dec. 2
Servers	Tryston Brown Madalyne Brown Isaac Wells	Aubrey Brown Trey Brown Anna Brown	Madalyne Brown Tryton Brown Abby Brown	Aubrey Brown Anna Brown Trey Brown	Tryston Brown Madalyne Brown Isaac Wells
Lector	Alaina Miller	Abby Brown	Jesse Davis	Donna Davis	Christy Brown
Usher	Don Brown Doug Brown	Mike Holland Jason Wells	Don Brown Doug Brown	Mike Holland Jesse Davis	Don Brown Doug Brown
Ech Min	Katrina Davis Kathy Brown Don Brown	Rosemary Holland Mike Holland Kathy Brown	Donna Davis Jesse Davis Katrina Davis	Mike Holland Rosemary Holland Don Brown	Donna Davis Jesse Davis Katrina Davis
Gift Bearers	Doug Brown Family	Jason Wells Family	Wanda Ohnesorge	Jesse Davis Family	Kathy Brown
Greeters	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family
SUN 8am	Nov. 5	Nov. 12 Parish Families in Faith	Nov. 19 Parish Families in Faith	Nov. 26	Dec. 3-Family Christmas Party
Servers	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Olivia Vonderheide	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	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene
Ushers	Jason Vonderheide Charley Vonderheide	Larry Lieb Jim Vonderheide	Roy Waldhoff George Conder	Joe Conder Gene Doedtman	Tom Doedtman Josh Miller
Ech Min	Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide Linda Doedtman	Lisa Waldhoff Roy Waldhoff Leslie Kemme	Timber Miller Linda Doedtman Lisa Thompson	Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff Roy Waldhoff	Leslie Miller Timber Miller Linda Doedtman
Gift Bearers	Ed Leslie Kemme	Allen Geannine Kessler	Jim Mary Miller	John Karen Neu	Justin Conder Family
Greeters	Larry Lieb	Rodney Hoene Family	Don Marcella Antrim	George Diana Conder	Joe Kay Conder
Money Counters	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder
WED. 8am Lectors	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29
	Kay Conder	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester	Kay Conder	Linda Doedtman

Weekly Offering.....11-12-23
No report submitted

Heaven or Hell: How God judges – It’s one of the deepest theological questions – judgement. What is the particular judgement and the last judgement? Will we know everything in heaven? Will we know if our loved ones are in hell? Ultimately, what does the Church say about what will happen at your judgement? Father Peter Harman, who holds a Doctorate in Moral Theology from the Catholic University of America, joins Dive Deep. Go to dio.org/podcast or youtube.com/diospringfield or search “Dive Deep” on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING HOLIDAYS-

Thanksgiving Shumway- Thurs. Nov. 23 @8am
Green Creek-Wed. Nov. 22 @7pm (PSR)

Immaculate Conception
Shumway Thurs. Dec. 7 @ 7pm
Green Creek Fri. Dec. 8@ 8am

Weekend of Dec 23/24



SATURDAY
Shumway @ 4pm
Green Creek —NO MASS

SUNDAY
Shumway —NO MASS
Green Creek- 8 am

Christmas Eve
Shumway @ 6:30pm
Green Creek @ 4pm

Christmas Day
Shumway @8 am
Green Creek @ 10:30am

New Year’s Eve
Shumway @ 6pm
Green Creek —No Mass

New Year’s Day
Shumway —No Mass
Green Creek @ 9 am



Catholic Charities Food Drive-We will collect food items the weekends of Nov. 18-19 and Nov. 25-26 and Wednesday, Nov. 22(8am mass) and Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23 (8am Mass)You may place your items in the basket at the front of church or put them in the back of the cry room. If you would like to give a monetary donation, put it in an envelope marked CC Food Drive and place it in the collection basket. Please do not bring expired items. Catholic Charities will not accept these items. Thank you.

Happy Birthday



Jane Emmerich 11-23
Wanda Ohnesorge 11-23

Happy Anniversary

Jim & Mary Miller
11-25-1972
51 years

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY, DEC. 3
AFTER 8AM MASS

CATERED BREAKFAST
HOMEMADE SWEET BREADS
AND A SPECIAL GUEST

Please sign up in the cry room by Sun. Nov. 26.

Parish Families in Faith



Next class: This Sunday
Nov.19 @ 9am
Future-Dec. 10 & 17

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

St. Mary’s Youth Group will meet on Nov. 19 from 6-7 pm in the church basement. Snacks and drinks provided.



St. Mary’s Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, Nov. 30 from 6:30-7:30pm

Eucharistic



Adoration

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Saturday, Nov. 18 – Brenda Vahling by Tom & Cindy Vahling
Sunday, Nov. 19 –Myrtle Savickas by Josh Timber Miller Family
Wednesday, Nov. 22-Mary Beth Sandschafer by Mary Sandschafer
Thanksgiving, Thursday Nov. 23 -Don Brown Sr. by Jesse Davis Family
Saturday, Nov. 25 – Charlotte Ruholl by family
Sunday, Nov. 26 – Jack Bolton and members of the Bolton, Stump, Montello and Witken Families
Wednesday, Nov. 29- Special Intention

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.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to pray for the protection of all Life at St Anthony of Padua in Effingham on Monday November 20. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm, Mass at 6:30 pm. The business meeting will follow in the parish center. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.
**** Pro-Life Breakfast**
January 21 (Sun). Mark you calendars!
More details to come.

CASH RAFFLE

Money raffle with \$10,000.00 in prizes. Grand prize \$5000
2nd-3rd \$1000 and 4th-9th \$500. 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.
If you need more tickets, contact Ed or Leslie Kemme

Family Connection

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the correlation between faithfulness and responsibilities. Family life provides many opportunities to illustrate this connection for children. As children prove themselves trustworthy, they can be trusted to take on greater responsibilities. Jesus teaches us in this parable that when we show ourselves to be trustworthy in small matters, we can be trusted to participate in greater matters of responsibility.

As you gather as a family, take some time to recall how each child in the family has matured and can now be trusted with greater responsibilities.

In today's Gospel, Jesus talked about how our trustworthiness in small matters shows that we can also be trusted to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. Read Matthew 15:14-30. Say: We share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven when we use our talents to help and serve others.

As a family, choose one thing to do this week to serve others. Conclude in prayer together, asking God's help so that your family may serve others more faithfully. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.



Watch the talks from the Eucharistic Congress speakers – Everyone loved the speakers at the diocesan Eucharistic Congress Oct. 28 in Springfield! Now you can not watch their inspiring, funny, thought provoking, and uplifting talks. Go to dio.org/catholictimes and click on videos. While you're there, you can check out a recap video of the historic day and watch the Mass. Note, Dr. Scott Hahn's talk is not able to be published due to contract stipulations.

Christmas Flower Donations are being accepted. If you would like to make a donation, please place it in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and drop it in the collection basket. Please include how you would like your donation listed in the bulletin.

Natural Family Planning Class

2023 Sessions: To register, contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemer@gmail.com.
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.
Sunday, February 4, 2024 - St. Francis, Teutopolis
Call 217-961-6404 to register. The fee is \$50 per couple to cover lunch and expenses.

REFLECTIONS—

A Capable Woman

The first reading for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A from Proverbs 31 talks about a woman who is valuable in many ways. She's trustworthy, hardworking, and caring. This isn't just about being a good wife, but also about being a strong individual. Her skills are practical: she can work with wool and flax, and she helps the less fortunate. This paints a picture of a person who is balanced, both in personal and communal responsibilities.

The reading also mentions that real worth isn't just physical beauty or charm, but moral and practical qualities. The phrase "the woman who fears the LORD" suggests that a deep sense of ethics or spirituality is a key aspect of her character.

The different translations of "eshet chayil" broaden the concept. It's not just about being a "worthy wife," but also a woman of substance or valor. This makes the message more inclusive and relevant beyond marital context. Overall, the reading emphasizes the importance of virtues that have tangible benefits for family and community.

Using Our Gifts

The Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25 focuses on the idea of stewardship and responsible use of resources. It encourages people to make the most of what they have, rather than hoarding or hiding it. The servants who doubled their talents took initiative and were rewarded, whereas the one who buried his was rebuked.

The message in the gospel for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A is about action and accountability. It tells us that what we're given—whether it's money, skills, or opportunities—should be utilized for a greater good. The idea is to grow and multiply these gifts, presumably for the benefit of the community or, in the religious context, for the Kingdom of God.

Fear holds back the third servant, and he fails to do anything productive. His approach is caution to the point of inaction, and he's criticized for it. The parable suggests that doing nothing with your resources or abilities is not an option; it's a failure to meet a basic responsibility.

Overall, the gospel for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A is a call to make the most of what you're given, for the benefit of both yourself and others. It pushes the point that being a good steward of your gifts is a key part of ethical and religious life.

The Importance of Spiritual Preparedness

The passages from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 and Matthew 25:14-30 both stress the importance of being proactive and alert in different aspects of life, especially in spirituality. 1 Thessalonians warns about the unpredictability of the "Day of the Lord," highlighting the need for preparedness. Similarly, the Parable of the Talents in Matthew advises against complacency in using one's gifts and abilities.

Both messages for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A encourage a state of readiness. They tell us that just as you wouldn't ignore your health or finances, you shouldn't neglect your spiritual well-being. Being "sober and alert" means you are aware of your responsibilities and are taking steps to fulfill them.

In summary, these texts prompt us to maintain a proactive approach to spiritual growth. They caution against getting too comfortable and underscore the importance of continual self-assessment and action.

Reflection Questions

- The text from Proverbs mentions "the woman who fears the LORD." How do you interpret the role of ethics or spirituality in character formation?
- Who are the women of power in your life? Do you value the contributions of these women?
- The Parable of the Talents focuses on the concept of stewardship. How do you apply this idea to your own life? Are there areas where you feel you could be a better steward?
- The third servant in the parable is held back by fear. Can you relate to this? How does fear limit your actions?
- Both the passages from 1 Thessalonians and Matthew stress readiness and proactive behavior. How do you prepare for unpredictable events in your life, spiritual or otherwise?
- 1 Thessalonians talks about being "sober and alert." What steps are you taking to be aware of your spiritual and ethical responsibilities?
- In summary, these texts encourage continual self-assessment and action. What are some concrete steps you can take to be more proactive in your spiritual life?
- Overall, how do these readings challenge your current way of thinking or living? Are there specific changes you feel prompted to make?