

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

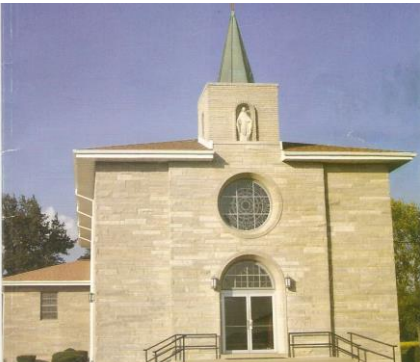
Or by appointment
Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

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:

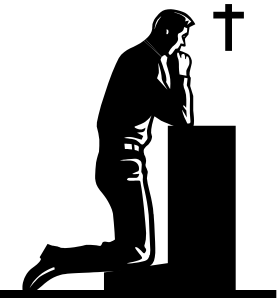
Friday – 8 am
Saturday – 6 pm
Sunday – 10:30 am

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.

December Committee: Jamie Brown, Kara Brown, Donna Davis, Kathy Brown, Christy Brown, Katrina Davis, Theresa Davis, Betty Gengler

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

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-

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



(There is a ministry sign up in the cry room for Christmas Eve/Day Masses.)

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



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
Saturday, Dec. 2 – Decease Member of the Leroy & Leona Zacha Family
Sunday, Dec. 3 – Edward & Myrtle Savickas by Josh Timber Miller Family
Wednesday, Dec. 6- Corey Sandschafer by Mary Sandschafer
Thursday, Dec. 7 – Joyce Habing by Steve & Sharon Moore
Vigil for Immaculate Conception -7pm

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



Larry Lieb 11-27

Parish Families in Faith



Next class: Dec. 10 & 17

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

Reminder ALL tickets need to be turned in by DEC. 10.



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

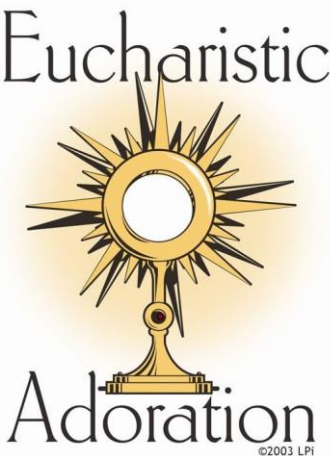
PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sunday, Dec. 3
AFTER 8am MASS

CATERED BREAKFAST
HOMEMADE SWEET BREADS
AND A SPECIAL GUEST

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

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.

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



Family Connection

In today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today’s Gospel the Corporal Works of Mercy. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God’s compassion and mercy to those in need.

As you gather as a family, recall the list of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Talk about some concrete examples of how your family might do these actions in your community and then discuss why it is important that we do these things. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Ask: Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy? (Because whenever we show mercy to another person, we show mercy to Jesus himself.) Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy that your family will act upon this week. Pray together that your family will see and serve Jesus in the least ones among us. Pray the Lord’s Prayer or an Act of Love.

The St. Hildegard Von Bingen Schola will present their annual Holiday concert at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, November 26. The concert begins at 2:30pm, featuring a piano prelude of the works of Bach, Mozart, and Chopin, followed by sacred music of the season.

The Effingham Knights of Columbus Kids Christmas Party is Sunday, December 3. Doors open at 3:00pm with Santa arriving shortly thereafter. Christmas cards will be available for kids and parents to draw a picture and/or write a note to friends and family in area nursing homes. Cookies, hotdogs and nachos will be served.

St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Island Grove will be commemorating 150 years as a Faith Community throughout 2024. A public celebration is in the planning for September 8th, 2024. Orders for spiral reprints of prior centennial books are now being accepted. The purchase price for the 1974 and 1999 combination reprint is \$25 dollars; \$15 for the 1924 reprint. Preview copies are in the your church’s sacristy or vestibule. Please contact Sandy Meinhart: 217-273-1758/sameinhart@gmail.com or St. Isidore Parish Office: 217-925-5788/office@stisidore.dio.org with inquiries and orders.

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.

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

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—

Shepherding with Christ the King

The first reading for the Solemnity of Christ the King Year A from Ezekiel emphasizes God as a Shepherd King. God commits to actively seeking out, caring for, and restoring his “scattered sheep.” This image of God as a shepherd is deeply comforting and creates a sense of a hands-on God, one who is fully involved in the well-being of His people. It makes us ponder how we are being shepherded in our lives today and how we can extend that shepherding to others.

The reading also highlights God’s commitment to justice and righteousness. God states that He will differentiate “between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.” This presents a God who is discerning and fair, caring especially for the “lost,” “strayed,” “injured,” and “sick,” while holding the “sleek and the strong” accountable. This challenges us to align ourselves with God’s sense of justice. Are we doing enough to reach out to those who are marginalized or suffering?

In reflecting on this reading, we are reminded that our role as followers of Christ the King is not passive. We’re called to be active participants in God’s shepherding. Whether it is by seeking the lost or binding up the injured in our own communities, we share in the work of our Shepherd King. Doing so not only brings us closer to God but also makes us instruments of His divine care and justice.

Don’t Be a Goat

In the Matthew 25:31-46, the gospel for the Solemnity of Christ the King Year A, presents Jesus as both a shepherd and a king. This dual role signifies a leader who not only rules but also nurtures and protects. The sheep in the metaphor are those who follow Christ’s example by showing compassion and service to others. Whether it’s volunteering at a soup kitchen, taking care of the sick, or advocating for social justice, these actions align with Christ’s teachings.

Contrastingly, the goats represent those who turn a blind eye to the suffering of others. Indifference or rationalizing the plight of the marginalized reflects a departure from the core Christian teaching of empathy and love. Instead of blaming people for their misfortune, our faith calls us to uplift those who are vulnerable and marginalized.

Following Christ, our Shepherd King, means more than just adhering to rules; it means living a life of service and advocacy. When we assist those who are struggling, we are serving Christ Himself. Thus, caring for the needs of others isn’t just a good deed—it is a direct response to the teachings of Jesus, our King.

A Kingdom of Eternal Life

The second reading from Corinthians reminds us that Christ is the first to be raised from the dead, setting the stage for all who follow Him. In a world burdened by mortality and imperfection, the resurrection signifies Christ’s power over even the most formidable of foes: death. His reign continues until every opposing force is subdued, making Him the ultimate King whose sovereignty is unassailable.

Paul outlines a sequence: First Christ, then those who are His at His coming, and finally the end where every authority is destroyed. It’s a cosmic recapitulation where everything starts and ends with God. Christ hands the kingdom back to the Father, marking the culmination of a divine plan set in motion with the first sin. In Christ, humanity finds both its origin and its destiny.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King Year A, we should consider what it means for our lives. Christ’s reign promises not a kingdom of worldly power but one of eternal life. Our role, then, is to align ourselves with Him, participating in the defeat of death and sin in our own lives. As we do, we prepare for the time when God will be “all in all.”

Reflection Questions

- How do you experience God as a “shepherd” in your own life?
- In what ways can you extend God’s shepherding care to others?
- What specific actions can you take to be an “active participant” in God’s work of shepherding?
- Can you identify times when you’ve acted more like a “goat” than a “sheep”?
- What barriers prevent you from showing compassion and service to others?
- How can you work on shifting from indifference to active care?
- Do you see Christ in the vulnerable in society?
- Which group do you have the most difficulty serving: the homeless, the sick, the imprisoned, someone else?
- Is there a time when an act of service changed you and your attitudes toward those you were serving?
- How does the idea of Christ conquering death influence your daily actions or choices?
- What does it mean for you to align yourself with Christ’s kingdom of eternal life?
- How does your understanding of Christ as King affect your views on life, death, and your ultimate destiny?